

# FORTY-NINTH CATALOG

OF

## RARE COINS

MEDALS, CURRENCY

THE ESTATE OF  
MAI C. B. EVANS

AND

DUPLICATES FROM THE

### LOUIS ELIASBERG COLL.

OF BALTIMORE, MD.

TOGETHER WITH OTHER  
VALUABLE AND INTERESTING MATERIAL



TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Wed. Eve., June 12, 1957

Thurs. Eve., June 13, 1957

IN THE "PENTHOUSE" OF

The Hotel New Weston  
Madison Ave. & 50th St.  
New York City, N. Y.

Sale Conducted by

**NEW NETHERLANDS COIN COMPANY, INC.**

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NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

# WHY—

**WHY** do New Netherlands Public Sale Catalogs, such as this, contain much more authoritative data, detailed explanations and even almost unrelated (and often unpublished) information, in comparison with other auction listings?

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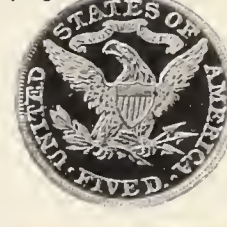
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**SALE NUMBER 49**

TO BE SOLD AT

**PUBLIC AUCTION SALE**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 1957**

Various U. S. Coins, Mainly Popular Indian Cents, Five Cents Nickel;

**THE ESTATE OF MAI C. B. EVANS**

*and*

**FINE UNITED STATES GOLD COINS**

*including*

**1862, 66, 70, 81, 82, 87, 89, 92, 1905 & 1909 PROOF DOUBLE EAGLES**

1795 (2), 97 (Both), Rare "O" and "CC" Mint,

1888, 91, 1902, 04 & 1905 Proof Eagles

**1795 Heraldic**, 98 14 Rev. Stars, 1820 Curled 2, **21, 24, 25/1, 26, 30, 31, 32 13 Stars**,

**1834 Motto**, 34 Second Type Crosslet 4, Rare Mint Marks, 1834, 69, 87, 89, 93, 94,

1904 Proof **Half Eagles**, and

**THE UNPUBLISHED 1819 REV. 5 D. OVER 5 O. HALF EAGLE**

Rare Three Dollars; **1797**, 98 (Both), **1826/5**, 27, **34 Motto**, 54 "D", 56 "D",

& **1863 Quarter Eagles**

**1855 "D", 56 "D", 60 "D" and 1870 "S" Gold Dollars.**

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**AN EX. FINE 1796, TWO 1823/22 QUARTERS**

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**THE EXCESSIVELY RARE 1827 ORIGINAL QUARTER DOLLAR**

1828, 45, 47, 48 PROOFS; 1853/52 (2) TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

1795 Small Hd., 1844 "O" Double Date, 1861 "O" CSA, Other Rare Halves;

1866 "S" No Motto, 1871 "CC", 1897 "O", 1901 "O" & "S", 1904 "S"

Uncirculated Half Dollars.

**1836 AND 1838 ORIGINAL GOBRECHT DOLLARS**

1851 RESTRIKE, 1853 PROOF SILVER DOLLARS.

COMMEMORATIVES, MISCELLANEOUS & LATE PROOFS.

1883 HAWAIIAN PIECES

**A PROOF 1907 ST. GAUDENS DOUBLE EAGLE**

*and many other coins.*

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# FIRST SESSION

Lots 1 to 746

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 1957

PROMPTLY AT 6:30 P.M.

## ESTATE OF MAI C. B. EVANS

Sold by order of the U. S. Trust Co. of N. Y., Executor

- 1 **Large Cents.** 1827, 44, 48, 49, 51 (3), 53 (2) and 1854. VG to Fine, the second and third somewhat impaired. Also, three others, Poor to Fair. 13 Pcs.
- 2 **Copper-Nickel Cents.** 1858. Flying Eagle. Large letters. Plus, 1859. Indian Head. Second struck slightly off-center on obv. Ex. Fine, some lustre. Easily worth \$13.50. 2 Pcs.
- 3 1857 (4), '58 L. Letters (3), '58 S. Letters (4). Average Fine. 11 Pcs.
- 4 1859 to '64 inclusive; two of each date. Average Fine, the '61's strictly so; one '64 VF. Two complete sets of the popular Copper-Nickel Indian Cent. List at \$31. in the Guidebook Fine. 12 Pcs.
- 5 **Bronze Indian Cents. 1864 "L".** Very Fine. In strong demand.
- 6 Another. Variety with 18 of date clearly re-engraved. Fine to VF. Rarer than last.
- 7 1865, 66, 67 and 1868. First three VF, last Ex. Fine. Desirable lot. 4 Pcs.
- 8 Four more. The commoner '65 VF; '66 and '67 about Fine; '68 Fine plus. Valued to \$27.50 Fine. 4 Pcs.
- 9 1869, 73 and 1879. Very Fine trio, the second with two tiny obv. rim bruises. First rare, listing \$14. in only Fine. 4 Pcs.
- 10 1869, 75 and 1883. Also Very Fine. Should bring \$17.50. 3 Pcs.
- 11 1870. Nearly full red Unc. Natural color; a premium coin so.
- 12 Another. Uncirculated, commencing to tarnish. Bolder on obv. than last. Far superior to the spotted specimen at \$28. in our last sale.
- 13 **1871.** Golden-red and maroon Unc. Far better than those commonly seen!
- 14 Another. Not quite Unc. Light olive-brown color. Well struck and desirable.
- 15 A third. Ex. Fine or better. With full golden lustre, but flat and/or rubbed upon the obv. high spots. This date lists at \$17.50 Fine, \$35. Unc. and has been bringing above the red book valuations.
- 16 **1872.** Brilliant, golden-red Unc. Unusually nice, in spite of a trace of rev. tarnish and a microscopic spot. Now valued to \$60. so fine.
- 17 Another. Golden-brown Uncirculated. The second rarest date in the series!
- 18 1873. Golden-red Unc., some light maroon toning. Records to \$16.00.
- 19 Another. Choice Unc. Iridescent golden color.
- 20 1873 and 1874. Golden and red-brown Unc. Second dulled. Hardly choice. 2 Pcs.
- 21 1875. Exceptionally bright golden-red Unc. Worth \$15. or more.
- 22 Another. Brilliant Unc. Full original lustre. Two hardly visible obv. handling nicks.
- 23 A third. Also Unc. Rich golden-red and maroon color; slight greenish patina, mainly at the upper l. part of obv. Still, better than most.
- 24 1876. Choice Unc. Golden-olive obv., partly tarnished reverse. Bringing \$15. and more.
- 25 Duplicate. Uncirculated; gold and maroon obv. showing traces of a fingermark, the rev. duller with considerable dark tarnish.
- 26 **1877.** Brilliant red Unc. Lightly and delicately toned. Uncleaned and unimproved. An inferior example realized \$130. in the Schulman-Kreisberg sale, last Jan. 25th. This one should break all records, being far rarer than a proof in this remarkable preservation.
- 27 1878 and 1879. Brilliant Unc. and mostly so; first with a touch of iridescence, last lightly toned upon the obverse. 2 Pcs.
- 28 Two more. Choice Unc. Golden-red and maroon, the scarcer '78 displaying more life. Worth \$20.00. 2 Pcs.
- 29 1881, 82, 87 and 1889. Nicely toned Unc., the second and third showing much brilliance. 4 Pcs.
- 30 Four more. Golden-brown and partly tarnished Unc. Not as choice as last. 4 Pcs.



- 31 1881, 84, 87, 88 and 1890. Toned and tarnished Unc. The '87 mostly bright, but with slight obv. spotting; the reverse of the '88 dark. 5 Pcs.
- 32 1887, 91, 93 and 1894. Attractively toned red Unc. The '91 badly tarnished upon the rev., others generally brilliant. Guidebook at \$20.00. 4 Pcs.
- 33 1891 (2), 92 (3), 95, 99 (2), 1900 and 1901 (2). Golden-brown and tarnished Unc. Minor indications of green corrosion spotting. 11 Pcs.
- 34 1893, 94, 95 and 1896. Mostly brilliant, golden-red Unc. The '95 with black tarnish towards the upper r. part of the obverse. Valued to \$22.00. 4 Pcs.
- 35 1895, 96, 98, 99 and 1900. Red-brown Unc. Last with considerable brilliance. 5 Pcs.
- 36 1895, 96 (2), 99 (2) and 1900. Golden and red-brown Unc., several comparatively bright. Both scarce '96's are almost fully brilliant, but have (easily removable) extraneous foreign matter upon their obverses. Easily worth \$20.00. 6 Pcs.
- 37 1902 (4), 03 (4), 04 and 1905 (2). Toned and tarnished Unc. Three mostly red and bright; both '05's with infinitesimal signs of spotting on one side only. Excellent for resale. 11 Pcs.
- 38 Remainder of the bronze Indian Cents. 1881, 83 (2), 84 (2), 85 (2), 86 (4), 87 (2), 89 (2), 90, 91, 93, 95, 98, 1901 (4), 02, 04 (4), 06 (2), 07 (2) and 1908. Eight about Unc., many early dates VF to Ex. Fine (including both '85's); remainder Very Good (11) or better. Should be seen. Finally, three damaged, five holed. 42 Pcs.
- 39 Lot of Lincoln Cents. 1909 to 1930. Consists mainly of early Philadelphia Mint coins, many of them Very Fine or better. Includes a '15 "D", '16 "S" and 1918 Unc., or close to it. Others VG, many dirty; four damaged. 108 Pcs.
- 40 **Two Cent Pieces.** 1864 (4), 65 (4), 66 (3), 67 (2), 68, 69, 70 and 1871 (2). The '70 Ex. Fine with lustre, the '69 of equal sharpness but impaired; others VG (4) to VF (4). Also, a holed example. 18 Pcs.
- 41 1867 (2), 68, 69, 70 and 1871. Extremely Fine to Unc. One '67 microscopically scratched in two places upon the obverse. Scarce dates in desirable condition. 6 Pcs.
- 42 **Three Cents Nickel.** 1865 (2), 68, 71, 75 and 1876. EF and almost Unc., lustrous. Last two dates very scarce, listing at \$15. and \$11. Perfect. 6 Pcs.
- 43 1865 (3), 66 (3), 67, 68, 69 (2), 70, 71, 73, 74 (2), 75 and 1881 (3). VG to Ex. Fine. 19 Pcs.
- 44 1867, 70 and 1873. Uncirculated, mostly brilliant. Guidebook at \$13.75. 3 Pcs.
- 45 **Shield Nickels.** 1866 Rays (3), 68 Large Stars (2), 68 Small Stars, 69 Large Stars, 70, 72 (3) and 1873. Very Good to VF, generally Fine. 12 Pcs.
- 46 **1867 Rays** and 1867 Plain. Very Fine and almost VF. First valued to \$20.00. 2 Pcs.
- 47 1869. Small Stars. Not fully brilliant Unc. Scarce variety. Worth \$10.00.
- 48 1870. Choice Uncirculated. Minute spot of dirt on obv. border at 5 o'clock. Record of \$15.50 in the sale of the second "Adolphe Menjou" coll., Jan. 25th last.
- 49 **1871.** Extremely Fine. Displays considerable original bloom. Rare date.
- 50 Duplicate. Strictly Fine; small obverse rim bruise. Valued to \$30., but worth somewhat less.
- 51 1873. Brilliant Uncirculated. Definitely above average.
- 52 1874, 75 and 1876. Fine, Fine plus and VF. Guidebook at \$28.50 in only Fine. 3 Pcs.
- 53 1874 (2) and 1876. The scarce '74's Fine, last Ex. Fine and lustrous. 3 Pcs.
- 54 **1875.** Close to Unc., but weak strike, particularly on obverse. Rare date; lists at \$40. Perfect.
- 55 1879. Extremely Fine. Seldom found so! Like '74, decidedly scarce.
- 56 1882. Uncirculated (1), nearly Unc. (4). A year listing at \$6.50 in Mint State. 5 Pcs.
- 57 1882 and 1883. Second with date recut. Bright Unc. 2 Pcs.
- 58 **Liberty Head Nickels.** 1883. CENTS. Brilliant Unc., trace of rev. tarnish. Plus, 1883. Without CENTS. VF (1), EF (3), AU (3) and Unc. (5). First worth \$10. alone. 13 Pcs.
- 59 1883 CENTS and 1884. Uncirculated. Guidebook at \$23.00. 2 Pcs.
- 60 1884. Mostly brilliant Unc. Records to \$16.00.
- 61 Another. Also Unc., lightly toned. Nearly as choice as last.
- 62 **1885.** Brilliant Uncirculated; signs of (removable) fingermark tarnish upon the reverse. An example in the Schulman-Kreisberg sale realized \$71., five months ago.

- 63 Another. Ex. Fine; some tarnish and dirt. Valued to \$40.00.
- 64 A third. Very Fine, also in need of cleaning. Minor nick upon Liberty's neck. Worth \$25.-30. today.
- 65 1886, 90, 91 and 1892 (2). First Fine plus, the '90 VF but lightly corroded upon the obverse; remaining three EF and VF (2). The 1886 alone a \$12.50 coin. 5 Pcs.
- 66 1887 and 1889. Brilliant Unc. The '87 unusually desirable. List at \$16.00. 2 Pcs.
- 67 1887, 88, 93, 94 and 1895. About Unc. One or two in need of cleaning. Second uncommon. 5 Pcs.
- 68 1887, 89, 93, 95 and 1897. Ex. Fine and AU, mostly the best. 5 Pcs.
- 69 1889, 90, 91, 92 and 1894. Last EF, others a little closer to Unc. 5 Pcs.
- 70 1890 and 1892. Choice Unc. Each with a tiny spot or so of tarnish. Guidebook at \$16.00. 2 Pcs.
- 71 1890, 91, 93 and 1896. Average Ex. Fine. Last uncommonly hard to locate. 4 Pcs.
- 72 1893 and 1897. Partly tarnished and brilliant Unc. A \$15. pair! 2 Pcs.
- 73 1893 (2), 95, 97, 98 and 1899. Very Fine lot. Not often offered so. 6 Pcs.
- 74 1897, 1900 and '01 (2). Extremely Fine or better. 4 Pcs.
- 75 1898 and 1899. Choice and dull Unc. List at \$16.00. 2 Pcs.
- 76 Two more. Also Unc. Neither in full brilliancy. 2 Pcs.
- 77 1899 and 1900. Dullish Unc., the dirty 1900 hardly choice. Still, well worth \$12.50. 2 Pcs.
- 78 1901 and 1902. Comparatively choice Unc., the '02 brilliant. Guidebook at \$13.50. 2 Pcs.
- 79 1903, 04 and 1905. Brill. Unc. Minor indications of tarnish spotting upon the first and last. Better than average trio! 3 Pcs.
- 80 1904, 05 and 1906. Uncirculated. The '04 toned with slight obv. tarnish; remaining two fully brilliant with spots of tarnish. List at \$17.50. 3 Pcs.
- 81 **Buffalo Nickels.** 1914, 15 and 1916. First mostly brilliant Unc., last two on the dull side. Valued to almost \$15., but worth less. 3 Pcs.
- 82 Remainder of the Five Cents Nickel. 1900, 03, 05 (2), 06, 08 (3), 10, 11 and 1912 Liberty Heads, VG to Fine. Also, 1913 T-I, 13 T-II, 15, 16, 16 "D" and 1917 Buffalo's; third and fourth Ex. Fine or better, others Fine average. 17 Pcs.
- 83 **Trimes.** 1852, 59, 61 and 1862 (2). One '62 EF, others Very Fine. **Half Dimes.** 1829 and 1847. Impaired VG and Fine. **Quarters.** 1834 and 1918 (2). Fine (2), about VF. 10 Pcs.
- 84 **Dimes.** 1830 Med. 10 C., 35, 37 Without Stars, SD (3), 38 "O" Without Stars (2), 54, 88, 93, 98, 1901, 01 "O", 19 and 1920. Rare '37's Fair to about VG; rarer '38 "O" coins VG or so, one slightly impaired on obverse; remainder Good to Fine. Plus, 1858 "S" Fine, but holed. 16 Pcs.
- 85 **Twenty Cent Pieces.** 1875 and 1875 "S". Very Fine and barely Fine. In demand. 2 Pcs.
- 86 **Half Dollars.** 1827 Sq. based 2, 34 LD, SL, 38, 42 LD, 1920; 1893 Columbians (2). Last three VF to Ex. Fine; earlier coins Good (1838) to EF (1842), the '38 with a small dig above date. 7 Pcs.
- 87 **Eagles.** 1881. Abt. Unc. Cleaner than most.
- 88 1907. Liberty Head, the last year. Ex. Fine or better; tiny rev. rim nick.
- 89 **Canadian Copper.** 1858, 59 (2), 98 "H", 1913 (2) and 1917 Large Cents; two 1921 Small Cents. One '59 and a '21 Ex. Fine, the best '13 Brill. Unc. Others Very Fine average. In addition, twenty-four assorted Canadian tokens; usual varieties, average condition. 33 Pcs.
- 90 **Canadian Silver.** 1893 5¢; 1871, 80 "H", 85 (2), 88, 92, 1913 Type of '14, 20 and 1921 10¢; 1872 "H", 74 "H", 1904, 11 and 1920 25¢; 1940 50¢. First Fine; early Dimes G-VG, '13 Fine, '20 EF and 1921 AU; the scarce '04 Quarter almost VF, others Good to Fine; Half Dollar VF. 16 Pcs.
- 91 **Civil War Tokens.** Interesting and unpicked group; includes four cards with bust of Washington (one in brass), three others in brass, one in white metal. Very Fine lot, many Unc. Becoming very popular. 75 Pcs.
- 92 Washington Medalets. Lovett's series, showing various Headquarters upon the reverse. Second of three obverses, borders ornamented with semi-circles and stars, bust in uniform l. with buttons. Nos. 1 through 10, lacking only No. 7. Copper. See Baker, Nos. 184-193; 194 (Second obverse). Red Proofs, slight evidence of spotting. Also, thirteen assorted tokens, including two similar medalets, five Hard Times Tokens, a rolled cent, other miscellany. 22 Pcs.



- 93 Fractional Currency: 5¢ R-5, 10¢ R-22a, 3¢ R-30, 5¢ R-31, 10¢ R-32a (2), F-VF; 10¢-15¢ R-57, 58, 10¢-15¢ R-61, 62, 10¢ R-74, all Unc. Also, eight pieces of obsolete paper; includes a torn 1759 N.Y. Colonial note, four common CSA and State bills; VG to Unc., somewhat tattered. Finally, lot of "junk" coins; 13 silver, 39 copper, etc. Two crowns included, one holed; few impaired U.S. and Canadian pieces. Retail to about \$20.00. 71 Pcs.

Consignment of  
**LOUIS ELIASBERG, BALTIMORE, MD.**  
 (With Additions)  
**DOUBLE EAGLES**

- 94 **1850.** First year of regular issue. Extremely Fine and exceptionally clean. Not quite the equal of the Peake example at \$85., sold by us in our Forty-Sixth sale, June 17, 1955. Records to \$175. for so-called uncirculated specimens.
- 95 Another 1850. Marked "Fine," this piece is nearer VF, though flatly struck upon the obverse (as commonly seen).
- 96 1851. Fine to VF. About like the last; needs careful cleaning.
- 97 1852. Thin date. Barely Very Fine.
- 98 Similar; heavy date. Probably from the same numeral punches, but they were very much more deeply impressed into the die. Fine to VF; hardly visible edge nick below date. Also needs to be cleaned.
- 99 **1852. Heavy double-cut date.** All figures first cut too high and then recut in proper position. Ex. Fine. With evidence of contact with other coins, particularly upon the obverse; an obvious scratch and two or three minor marks between the 11th and 12th stars. Decidedly unusual coin, the first to come to our attention.
- Recut and double-cut dates are essentially the same thing. A re-engraved date is only a "strengthening" of the numeral punch(es) in the die, and is not nearly as important. Recut, double-cut, triple-cut and authentic overdates will be properly explained and listed in the forthcoming Specialized Catalogue. Re-engraved dates will be uniformly reduced to their proper status as sub-varieties.
- 100 **1852 "O".** Thin date. Rather pale greenish gold. Strictly Very Fine, and a comparatively clean coin. Scarce; 190,000 made.
- 101 **1853.** Fully Extremely Fine; highly lustrous. Two small scrape marks upon Liberty's cheek; a few trivial signs of obverse bag handling. Finer than Peake's at \$67.50, Menjou's (1950), Melish's (1956), or any other impression in recent sales.
- 102 **1854. Large date.** Close to Ex. Fine and lustrous; unusually clean. Unquestionably the finest of only three examples we have seen, as against nearly 100 of the commoner Small Date Type. The one in our Forty-Eighth sale, which was not quite VF, brought \$82.50 on the floor. The present coin was discovered afterwards. Extremely rare. **Plate**
- The Large Date is from punches used on the silver dollars. The far commoner Small Date is from punches used on the cents and half dollars, and also comes re-engraved.
- 103 **1854 "S".** First year. Small date (as on all seen); large S on rev. crowded into tail feathers. Very fine, fairly clean. Only 141,468 coined. Better than either Thomas G. Melish example sold over a year ago in Indianapolis; Dr. Peake had none.
- 104 **1855.** Slanting 5's as always. Very Fine or better, sharp and lustrous. Mostly clean, in spite of a dig or so on Liberty's cheek, a small imperfection at the 7th star, and a minute nick above NT of TWENTY. Reverse has two rim breaks at bottom. Moderate coinage, about a third that of 1850. Ex J. J. Gonzales, 1941.
- 105 **1855 "S".** Medium S, well centered. Very Fine. Superior to the W. C. Atwater (1946) and Menjou coins. Attractive.
- 106 **1856 "S".** Upright 5. Medium S. Close to Ex. Fine in sharpness, but with several obv. rim marks, a rev. border bruise, and a tiny "X" scratched within the circle of stars above eagle's head. Hardly as bad as it sounds!
- 107 **1857. Brilliant Uncirculated.** While showing slight evidence of its brief sojourn in a bag, this satin-surfaced beauty displays but one obvious abrasion mark, that on Liberty's cheek, and two or three tiny rim nicks. The reverse is just about Superb. A magnificent display piece, the nicest example of this uncommon date that we have encountered.
- 108 Duplicate. Fine to VF; obverse rim abraded at r., almost unnoticeable rev. edge dent.

- 109 1857 "S". Medium S. Like the last, but slightly better struck. Unimportant signs of handling upon the obverse, a hallmark of these large, heavy gold pieces.
- 110 1859 "S". Medium S. Very Fine and partly lustrous; Liberty's head and borders (on both sides) weakly struck. Somewhat scarce. The famous Dr. Green collection of U.S. Gold, sold by dealer Mehl in 1949, could only boast of a "nearly Fine" and scratched example.
- 111 1861. Dull Uncirculated. Unimportant evidence of contact with other coins, particularly about the obverse rim; a minor reverse rim flaw opposite C of AMERICA. Not quite as nice as the Peake coin which we sold for \$130., but still desirable. Ex dealer Gonzales, years ago.
- 112 1861 "S". Medium S. Better than Very Fine, rather softly struck upon the obverse. Superior to the W.G.C. (1946), Atwater, Green and Menjou specimens.

### The Extremely Rare 1862 Proof Double Eagle

- 113 1862. Lightly tarnished, **brilliant Proof**. Free of visible indications of handling, though the specialist with a strong glass will see two small instances in the left obv. field where lint remained in the die (still a Mint problem). Extremely rare. The great Atwater collection, with forty-five proof Double Eagles, lacked this year, as did the Green, Menjou, "Farish Baldenhofer" (1955) and Melish offerings, among others. Considered by B. Max Mehl (in his 1950 "Golden Jubilee Sale"), when in proof condition, "as rare, if not more so, than the Double Eagles of 1883 and 1884." Should break all records! **Plate**
- 114 1863 "S". Medium S. Just Very Fine, with some lustre. Weakly struck near the periphery, and showing less than the usual quota of bag handling abrasions. Seldom found better.
- 115 1865 "S". Small S. Barely VF and a weak strike; three or four infinitesimal rim nicks. This is equal to Melish's best and comparable with the Peake coin, and obviously better than the Green, Menjou specimens. Despite the large mintage, an unusually hard item to find choice.
- 116 1866. Motto. **Brilliant Proof**. Despite a couple of lint marks in Liberty's hair, a sparkling, highly attractive "gem." Of the 30 impressions taken in proof, this is the W. C. Atwater, "H. R. Lee" example, which cost \$550. eleven years ago. Lacking in many famous collections, including the recent Melish sale, this beauty should excite spirited competition. **Plate**
- 117 1866 "S". Motto. Microscopic S. Not quite VF; weakly struck, especially at the borders. Few minor rim and border nicks, mainly upon the reverse. Scarce, not in the Peake offering.  
There were 120,000 coined of the 1866 Double Eagle without motto, and 722,250 with motto.
- 118 1868. Fully Ex. Fine. A lustrous first-strike, but with more than the usual amount of bag marks. Only 98,575 regularly coined; this date completely lacking in the Melish collection. Marked \$125. and certainly worth it, as the Unc. W.G.C. specimen sold for \$200., over eleven years ago.
- 119 1870. Bright, **brilliant Proof**. Beautiful orange colored gold. Traces of tarnish; few of the microscopic lint marks found on all of these. Only 35 proofs struck! This date in proof was not in the Dunham (1941), J. F. Bell (1944), Green, Baldenhofer or Melish sales. A gorgeous showpiece also from the W. C. Atwater collection and "H. R. Lee" auction, certain to attract extravagant bids. **Plate**
- 120 1870 "S". Microscopic S. Although marked "V.F." and equal to most sold as such, this piece is Fine plus with its share of handling nicks. Equal to Peake's at \$47.50; better than the Green and Menjou coins, or than either Melish example.
- 121 1871 "S". Similar mintmark. Very Fine and attractive despite a serious obverse edge dent. Still, better than either of Melish's; Peake had none.
- 122 1872 "S". Small S left, over center of N. Strictly Very Fine. Reverse rim abrasion mark, but no other mar of consequence. Menjou's was Very Good, Melish's specimen of this variety less than Fine. Ex Mehl.
- 123 1873. Two arrows and one detached head in eagle's talon. Just about V. Fine and fairly free of impairment.
- 124 1873 "S". Small S left, over center of N; two arrows. Ex. Fine and lustrous. Signs of handling limited to the obv. border and rev. rim. Equals Peake's at \$50. Far better than the Menjou coin, which was estimated at \$70., or the W.G.C., Atwater (F-VF), Green (VG) or Melish pieces.



- 125 Another. This one with a microscopic, thin S over right serif of N; three arrows. Also Ex. Fine; the obverse weakly struck and once cleaned. More attractive than the last, and well worth \$60.00.
- 126 1874. About Ex. Fine. Two small obv. nicks at the point of Liberty's bust, a reverse rim nick. Uncommon date; 366,800 made in all. Superior to Dr. Green's, Menjou's or Melish's circulated examples.
- 127 1874 "S". Mintmark first cut low, then partly effaced and recut higher. Very Fine. Unusual variety.
- 128 1875. Strictly Very Fine and exceptionally clean. Attractive enough to make partly understandable the temerity of the dealer who represented this as "Unc." Limited mintage, smaller than 1874, and about one-quarter the average. Menjou had a Fine one; Melish's wasn't as clean; Peake lacked the date.
- 129 1875 "S". Shade off Unc. With full lustre, but displaying several serious abrasion marks. Nicer than W.G.C., Atwater, Green, Menjou, Peake or Melish. Worth looking at!
- 130 1876. Uncirculated. A brilliant coin, showing the usual evidence of bag handling, plus "cleaning" with an eraser upon the obverse. Uncommon date.
- 131 1876 "S". Mintmark far to right, nearly over upright of T. Very Fine, with some claims to EF.
- 132 **1876 "CC"**. Close to Very Fine. Borders weak, head of Liberty softly struck; planchet chip above last star. Popular.
- 133 1877 "S". TWENTY DOLLARS upon reverse. Just about full Unc. Not badly mishandled, but with a few minor nicks upon the reverse rim. Far better than most offered, including the Fine Atwater and VF Menjou coins.
- 134 **1877 "CC"**. Strictly Very Fine. Partly lustrous, and clean except for light bag scratches on Liberty's cheek. Only 42,565 made. We sold the Ex. Fine Peake specimen for \$140.00.
- 135 1878. Abt. Very Fine. Two initials lightly scratched on obverse, above and to right of the date. Uncommon.
- 136 1878 "S". Ex. Fine and lustrous. The obverse cleaned long ago; serious abrasion nick in Liberty's hair. Atwater's Fine, the Menjou piece only Good. Ex Bebee, as "Abt. Unc."
- 137 1879. Just Very Fine. Dull, but comparatively clean. Far better than Melish's; Peake had none.
- 138 1879 "S". Better than last, but not fully EF. Less than the usual number of bag marks. Better than the 1946 W.G.C. piece (at \$60.), as well as the Fine Dr. Green, Menjou coins.
- 139 1880 "S". Though bought as Unc., this brilliant piece is a hair's breadth under our rigid standards for that grade. Fully lustrous; almost, though not completely, free of handling imperfections. Exceptional! Better than W.G.C., Atwater, Golden Jubilee, Menjou, Peake or the best that Melish had.
- 140 **1881**. Choice, mostly **brilliant Proof**. Entirely free of handling marks or other defects. Approaches "gem" grade and will reach it after an alcohol bath. The J. F. Bell specimen, later in the "H. R. Lee" offering. The Melish example realized \$675. in Indianapolis; this lot should bring \$750. or more. **Plate**
- 141 1881 "S". About Ex. Fine, a lustrous first-strike. Free from serious bag impairment. W. C. Atwater, Dr. Green and Menjou could only offer Fine ones. A difficult year, condition-wise.

### The Extremely Rare 1882 Proof Double Eagle

- 142 **1882**. Once cleaned, almost fully **brilliant Proof**, with the faintest of hairlines. Tarnished somewhat, this coin could be readily restored by any of several common organic solvents. Nevertheless, a magnificent piece from the Bell, "H. R. Lee" sales. A shade finer than the Melish impression, which brought \$675. last year. Menjou's, seven years ago, sold for \$500., which was then a very high price. None in Dr. Green's collection, the Golden Jubilee or Boldenhofer offerings. Undoubtedly, one of the better surviving specimens of the 59 originally coined. Incidentally, of the 590 non-proofs, we have encountered less than six altogether. This piece is therefore comparable in actual rarity to the 1883 with a total coinage of 92 (all proofs) and the 1884 with 71 (likewise all proofs). One of the high points of this sale! **Plate**
- 143 1882 "S". Barely Very Fine. Moderate edge dent at the top of the reverse.
- 144 1883 "S". Marked "Ex. Fine," this lot does not quite qualify. With a few minor handling defects, including a sharp rim nick under D of DOLLARS.

- 145 1884 "S". Just about Uncirculated. A bright and exceptionally clean example, though not completely perfect. Better than many, including the Atwater, Memorable (1948), Green and Menjou coins.
- 146 1884 "CC". Fully Very Fine. Coinage of only 81,139 pieces. A trifle choicer than Melish's; Peake had none.
- 147 1885 "S". Ex. Fine. Lustrous, although in need of cleaning. The reverse almost completely free of handling marks. Above average!

### The Extremely Rare 1887 Proof Double Eagle

- 148 1887. Magnificent, **brilliant Proof**. Just about worthy of the ultimate accolade of Superb. Extremely rare, the total mintage (all proofs) limited to 121 coins. Finer than the Melish example at \$875., as that had a field nick from which this beauty is happily free. We note that the Encino dealer states that he paid \$850. for another one. It is very doubtful that a finer impression than this is available, many specimens being permanently impounded in museums. Worthy of a bid approaching the four-figure mark! **Plate**

- 149 1887 "S". Very Fine, with some weak claims to EF. Just 283,000 made, a rather low coinage for San Francisco. (Smaller "S" emissions found only in 1854, 1866 NM, 1908, 1913, 1930.) Much better than the VG Green and Menjou pieces; significantly, lacking in the Memorable, Golden Jubilee offerings.
- 150 1888. Frosty Uncirculated; some obverse border tarnish. Unusually clean and desirable. Uncommon date, only 226,164 non-proofs struck. Well worth \$75.00.
- 151 1888 "S". Extremely Fine. Exceptionally bright and lustrous, showing only minor evidence of rubbing. Almost completely free from "bag handling," and a premium coin so. Ex Mehl.
- 152 1889. **Brilliant Proof**. Tiny, nick-like planchet defect on the obverse rim, opposite the fourth star; infinitesimal indications of less than careful handling in the right obv. field. Still, a beauty, the aforementioned imperfections unnoticed by the catalogers of the Bell, "H. R. Lee" sales, where this identical piece was previously offered. Superior to the seriously nicked-up Melish coin which sold at \$550. on a \$600. estimate. None in the Golden Jubilee, Menjou or Baldenhofer auctions. **Plate**
- The year 1889 is a very much unappreciated one so far as both the Double Eagles and Eagles are concerned. Only 44,070 regular Twenties plus 41 proofs were made at Philadelphia, as well as 4,440 non-proof and 45 proof Eagles. Long underpriced, in particular to the more often touted (because more frequently offered) earlier dates in the eighteen eighties, the proof Double Eagle of 1889 represents a splendid opportunity to the careful buyer.
- 153 1889 "S". Fine to VF. With plain signs of its sojourn in a bag, including a reverse rim nick. Neither the Memorable sale nor our Peake auction had one in any grade. Ex Mehl.
- 154 1889 "CC". Abt. Very Fine. Clean, except for a minor rim nick at the top of the weak obv. border. Only 30,945 struck. Superior to both the Green and Menjou coins, this is about equal to Dr. Peake's at \$125., nearly two years ago.
- 155 1890 "S". VF to Ex. Fine, considerable mint bloom. About equal to Melish's best one; far ahead of the Memorable, Green, Menjou (2) and Baldenhofer pieces.
- 156 1890 "CC". Strictly Extremely Fine. Cleaned, but still retaining "prooflike" lustre. Free from mishandling, except for faint abrasion marks around each rim. The Green and Melish specimens Fine, Menjou's scratched; none in Peake.
- 157 1891 "S". Just about Unc. Brilliant and relatively clean, but not a particularly bold strike. Easily, one of the best offered at auction in some time.
- 158 1892. **Brilliant**, carefully cleaned **Proof**. This is one of the few dates of Double Eagles not yet subject to exploitation, but ripe for it; only 4,430 regulars and 93 proofs made. The Atwater (hairmarked) and F. W. Geiss (1947) impressions brought \$410., when regular proof Twenties realized little more than half that figure. This date not in the Golden Jubilee, Baldenhofer or Melish sales; less offered than 1883 by actual count! Ex Bell, "Lee" colls. **Plate**
- 159 1892 "S". Strictly Very Fine, and fairly nice for the grade. Record of \$55. VF in the Memorable sale, nine years ago.



- 160 1893 "S". Very Fine, traces of a "first-strike" surface. Light evidence of handling; particularly abraded above Liberty's head. Dr. Green had only a Fine one.
- 161 1894. Close to Ex. Fine. Lustrous and clean-surfaced, the obverse only displaying slight evidence of contact with other coins. Ex friend Mehl, as "Abt. Unc."
- 162 1894 "S". Like the last, considerable lustre. Two or three bag marks on either side, none serious. Better than the Green and Menjou pieces.
- 163 1895. Brilliant Unc. Full, even frosty lustre. Choice, showing only the most picayune signs of handling. Valued to \$60.00.
- 164 Duplicate. Marked EF, this coin has an obv. a trifle under, a rev. somewhat over that grade. Obverse apparently cleaned, and displaying a nick or so.
- 165 1895 "S". Close to Ex. Fine, trifling evidence of handling. Liberty's head hardly bold, slightly rubbed. Better than the Memorable coin at \$50., among others. Ex Mehl.
- 166 1896. Extremely Fine and lustrous, the reverse very close to Mint State. Some easily removable dirt, mainly upon the edge and reverse. Comparable to Peake's; far better than the Melish example. Also ex Mehl.
- 167 1896 "S". Strictly Extremely Fine. Exceptionally clean and free of defects. More desirable than Peake's; superior to the Memorable and Melish lots. A premium coin from Mehl as AU.
- 168 1897. A shade from Unc. Full, frosty mint brilliance, uniformly dulled. Similar to the beautiful piece in our Forty-Eighth sale, last Nov. 24th, at \$55. Melish had none.
- 169 1897 "S". Fine to Very Fine. Small nick on head.
- 170 1898. Strictly Extremely Fine. With impressive mint frost and a surface practically devoid of blemishes. A "sleeper" year, only 170,395 regulars coined. Melish lacked the date.
- 171 1898 "S". Abt. Extremely Fine. Ever so lightly scratched; unimportant traces of reverse dirt.
- 172 1899. Extremely Fine, or better; practically full brilliance except on the highest points. Ex Mehl.
- 173 1899 "S". Very Fine. Few "pockmark" nicks on Miss Liberty's face. Still, Dr. Green only could locate a Fine one. Ex Mehl.
- 174 1900. Uncirculated. Very clean, but with slight evidence of what was (correctly) called "cabinet friction," when most people kept coins that way. Better than most! Also ex Mehl.
- 175 1900 "S". Unc. A beautiful, glittering "first-strike." Obverse with a number of abrasion marks in the field, a rim nick at top; reverse just short of "gem" grade. Decidedly unusual and desirable preservation. In the \$60.-65. class.
- 176 1901 "S". Very Fine. Not too bad; W. C. Atwater only had a Fine-VF example.
- 177 **1902.** Close to Mint State. Brilliant, and generally clean, except for two or three minute rim nicks upon the rev., above TES of STATES. Only 31,140 struck for circulation; a very rare and underrated date, seldom seen except in proof. Peake's, just AU, brought \$110.; another in our recent Forty-Eighth sale, \$90. An important opportunity!
- 178 1902 "S". Very Fine or better, with some lustre. Usual signs of "bag handling."
- 179 1903. Better than Very Fine; cleaner than the last. Very limited mintage. Conspicuously absent in both the Peake and Melish offerings, which were moderately complete. Could we have a "sleeper" here?
- 180 1903 "S". Fine or better. A shade sharper than the Menjou coin.
- 181 1904. Brilliant Unc. With a minimum number of abrasion nicks and scratches. The Peake example, also above average, went at \$50.00.
- 182 Another 1904. Close to Ex. Fine; practically devoid of blemishes. Ex Mehl.
- 183 1904 "S". Just about Ex. Fine, and bought as fully that grade, despite its superficial scratches. Better than the VF Memorable coin at \$52.50. Ex Mehl.
- 184 **1905.** Bright, **brilliant Proof.** Two microscopic lint marks upon the reverse, a common (and seldom mentioned) manufacturing fault of no importance. Rare date; 58,919 regulars and 92 proofs minted. Should bring \$500.00. **Plate**
- 185 1905 "S". Just Very Fine, the reverse (as always) nicer than the obverse. Equal to the W.G.C. specimen, sold in 1946.
- 186 1906 "D". The first year of issue from Denver. Strictly Ex. Fine. Brilliant; almost, but not quite free of traces of handling. Hard to find choice; this one superior to the Memorable, Green, Menjou lots.
- 187 1907. Last year of the Liberty Head. Uncirculated. Fully bright and free of serious handling marks, but not particularly bold and faintly rubbed in spots. Worth \$50.00.

- 188 Duplicate. Strictly Very Fine and fairly attractive for the grade.  
 189 1907 "S". Abt. Uncirculated; full mint frost. Trivial bag marks visible with a glass. Generally better than the W.G.C., Memorable, Green, Peake, T. J. Clarke or Melish pieces. Valued to \$60.00.  
 190 1907 "D". Fully Extremely Fine and very clean, this coin was purchased as "Unc." from dealer Gonzales in 1941. Popular as a type date.

### The Popular 1907 St. Gaudens Roman Date Double Eagles

- 191 1907. St. Gaudens type. Date MCMVII. Struck in high relief; obverse especially with wire edge. Uncirculated, pleasing frosty surface. The only flaws worthy of mention are five, hardly noticeable, nicks upon the obv. wire edge. We have seen worse ones sold as "Unc. Gem." A "High Relief" in the Michigan State Convention auction, last November, sold for \$187.50.  
 192 1907. Duplicate. Wire edge not quite as pronounced as on last; earlier state. Close to Perfect. Lightly rubbed upon Liberty's extended knee, a scratch-like nick or so on rays below eagle, two or three tiny rim nicks upon either side. Records to \$150. so.  
 193 1907. Modified design; lower relief. Arabic date; without motto upon reverse. Brilliant Unc. A hair's breadth away from Superb; splendid satin-like surfaces. Appreciable evidence of contact with other coins only upon the lower reverse rim. Greatly underrated; should command \$100. in this remarkable preservation.  
 194 1908. No motto. Extremely Fine. Lustrous, but with a few handling nicks. Ex Ira Reed as "Unc."  
 195 1908 "D". With motto. Fine to Very Fine.  
 196 1909/8. Fine to VF; minute reverse rim nick. Clear overdate. Popular.  
 197 1909. **Superb** semi-matte **Proof**, the so-called "Roman Gold finish." Flawless, but for an infinitesimal nick upon the rev. wire edge, hardly worthy of mention. Only 67 struck. This beauty, the finest that we have seen or handled, should realize close to \$400.00.  
 198 1909 "S". Very Fine. Tiny planchet defect upon l. obverse border; two or three minute reverse rim nicks.  
 199 1910. Mostly brilliant Unc. Comparatively clean; trifling friction on Liberty's breast and knee, unquestionably inflicted in a bag. Two or three unimportant reverse rim nicks. Records to \$55. so choice.  
 200 1910 "S". Smaller mintmark than on preceding years. Close to full Unc., brilliant and attractive. Microscopic evidence of bag handling.  
 201 1910 "D". Better than Ex. Fine. With full original brilliance, but rubbed upon breast and knee of Liberty, breast of eagle. Choicer than most!  
 202 1911 "S". Just about Very Fine. Some mishandling about the reverse rim and edge. Ex Mehl.  
 203 1911 "D". Extremely Fine. With touches of wear, but exceptionally free of nicks or scratches. Much better than the Menjou piece; superior to Melish's.  
 204 1913. Very Fine plus. Lustrous, but mishandled somewhat on the r. obverse rim and edge; an obvious reverse rim nick at bottom. Low mintage of 168,780 business strikes.  
 205 1913 "S". Brilliant Unc., but with the usual mint abrasions. With the 1908 "S", one of the "safer" dates in the St. Gaudens series, because of the low coinage (34,000 pieces). The Pierce specimen, sold at the 1947 A.N.A. Convention sale in Buffalo, brought \$265., while the Memorable coin realized \$237.50, the following year.  
 206 1913 "D". Solid mintmark. Strictly VF, though obtained as EF.  
 207 1914. Very Fine, some claims to EF. Small, sharp nick at upper r. obverse rim. Underrated, only 95,250 regularly coined.  
 208 1914 "S". Very Fine, traces of removable dirt. The famous W.G.C. sale only had a VF example. Menjou's was but VG-F.  
 209 1914 "D". Not quite full Uncirculated. Several of the usual handling marks, which nevertheless do not impair the mint brilliance. Scarcer than last, less than one-third the number coined.  
 210 1915. About Ex. Fine. With a few serious abrasion nicks, but quite lustrous.  
 211 1915 "S". Obverse VF, reverse EF. Exceptionally free from bag damage or mishandling. Scarce; the W.G.C. lot VF, Dr. Green's Fine, Menjou's only VG. Unusually nice, and worth a premium so!  
 212 1916 "S". Extremely Fine or better, highly lustrous. The Green and Menjou pieces only VF. Ex Mehl.



- 213 1920. Abt. Unc. Brilliant; some evidence of handling, especially upon the obverse. Really scarce; Memorable at \$100.; Menjau at \$135., against a \$125. estimate. Melish could boast only a VF example, and it went at \$65.00.
- 214 1922. Close to Unc. The slightly sharper Melish coin realized \$95. over a year ago.
- 215 1923 "D". Brilliant Unc. A few minute bag marks upon the reverse, but the obverse approaches "gem" grade. A common date, but hardly common so choice. Memorable sale, \$57.50; Peake, \$55.; Melish coll. \$52.50, for comparable specimens.
- 216 1924. Choice Unc. With full golden frost upon both sides, minor evidence of rust colored tarnish. Valued to \$80., but will bring less.
- 217 1924 "D". Brilliant Unc. Splendid pale orange patina, signs of contact with other coins upon the obverse. In 1944, the Bell piece brought \$220., but last year, the Melish coin sold for \$100.00.
- 218 1925. Brilliant Unc. In spite of a minute abrasion mark upon Liberty's knee, a splendid example, far superior to both the Peake and Melish lots, among others. Guidebook at \$80.00.
- 219 1925 "S". Not quite Ex. Fine, the borders weak and slightly abraded. Lustrous, though far from sharply struck. This reached a peak of \$230. at the Bell sale; Melish's AU example only commanded \$102.50.
- 220 1926. About Fine. Evenly worn, no mishandling. Probably someone's pocket piece.
- 221 1927. Brilliant Unc. Unimportant indications of handling, traces of tarnish. We sold Dr. Peake's specimen for \$60., nearly two years ago.
- 222 1928. Brilliant Unc. Frosty and choice, but with a few minute obv. handling nicks, two of them upon Liberty's extended thigh; suggestions of patination and dirt. Common date in above average condition!

## EAGLES

- 223 1795. Breen 1: 1-A; Adams 3; Clapp 4; Newcomer 437. Small die defect between tops of TY. Rev. Thirteen leaves, one touching left bottom of U. Fully Extremely Fine, the reverse especially choice, with traces of prooflike surface. Evidently, one of the first struck among the 1,097 specimens delivered Sept. 22, 1795. Not quite as choice as the "superb" Melish coin which brought \$460., and which was from the same dies.
- References listed are to the articles by Edgar H. Adams in the May, June and July, 1934, issues of "The Coin Collector's Journal"; John H. Clapp's notebooks (now owned by Mr. Eliasberg), and the inventory of Waldo Newcomer's extensive collection.
- 224 1795. B-2: 2-A; A-2; C-2; N-476. Stars away from cap and Y; same reverse as last. Better than VF, but rather weakly struck. Tiny obv. rim nick above L of LIBERTY; unimportant surface nick in the r. reverse field under the l. wing of eagle. Somewhat rarer as a variety than the last. Ex J. W. Haseltine, May 16, 1907, as VF; Henry Chapman.
- Four of the five die varieties of the 1795 Eagle have thirteen leaves in the branch on which the eagle stands. The fifth, Adams 5, of which we know only one specimen to date, has only nine leaves in the branch.
- 225 1797. **Small eagle; reverse of 1796.** B-1: 1-A; A-1; C-1; N-441. About Ex. Fine, two minor abrasion marks in the r. obverse field. Rare, only 2,466 minted (March 25 to April 20, 1797); the rapidly advancing obv. and rev. die breaks account for the small number coined. Worth about \$300.00. **Plate**
- 226 1797. Heraldic eagle. B-4: 2-D; A-4; C-4; N-444. Reverse of 1798. Strictly Very Fine, but the rims (on either side) and edge somewhat impaired by a few small bruises and scrapes. Struck in 1798, probably just before the four stars facing die of 1798 was put into use. Only 12,089 believed made of all three Heraldic varieties of 1797.
- 227 1799. B-7: 4-E; A-5; C-3; N-450. Small stars, irregular date; very small berries. Though marked EF, this piece is only of VF sharpness, and has had light but extensive scraping upon the obverse, giving it a "sweated" look. Ex B. M. Mehl, who priced it at \$75., some years ago.
- 228 1799. B-9: 5-G; A-1; C-4; N-447. **Large obverse stars; reverse of 1800.** Brilliant Unc. A lovely prooflike coin showing faint evidence of handling (mainly in the bright obverse field); pinpoint rim nick above A of STATES upon the reverse. A real "type" variety, as the obverse stars are nearly double the size of those found on other varieties of this date; the large stars continued through 1804. Really rare, as only one large star die of 1799 was made, as against at least four small star dies. Well worth \$175. so fine. **Plate**

- 229 1800. Only one variety of this date, and apparently always with the break through LIBERTY. Very Fine plus; tiny rim nick at the bottom of the reverse. Records to \$122.50 for similar examples. Ex Mehl.
- 230 1801. B-1: 1-A; C-1. The regular variety of this date; the only one known to Adams. Marked EF, this coin is very close to Unc., with practically full mint lustre. A beautiful piece, displaying but minute indications of handling. Valued to \$130.00.
- 231 1803. B-3: 1-C; A-4; C-1; N-461. Small stars over eagle, as in 1801; arrow-head very close to right side of N. The sharpness and surface (especially on rev.) of this piece give it some claims to AU, but it has a hidden edge dent upon the reverse. Better than the Gutttag discovery piece illustrated by Adams; finer than Melish's "EF".
- 232 1804. Only the one variety of regular issue; apparently the reverse of 1803 Adams 5. Very Fine. Slight rim and edge impairment, the most serious defect an obverse edge dent following the eighth star. Better than it sounds; a very rare date, not often found choice.
- 233 1838. First year of the new Gobrecht type. Fine to VF; extensively, although not seriously handled. Rare type coin, this head appearing only on the coins of this year and the next. The Very Good Davis-Graves example, sold in 1954, realized \$55.00.
- 234 1840. Different head; smaller stars and reverse letters. The design continued through 1907. Very Fine. Compares with the W.G.C. specimen at \$50., as well as the Melish piece (which cost \$62.50), at the same figure.
- 235 1841. A brilliant, rather proof-like "first-strike." With several obvious nicks from contact with other coins, but far better than the W.G.C. coin (at \$45.), the Memorable lot, Davis-Graves, or Melish's; none in Peake. Easily worth \$60. or more on today's market.
- 236 1841 "O". First year. Strictly Very Fine; with the usual minor signs of handling. Very rare mintmark, only 2,500 coined. Almost never comes finer; long overlooked as a rarity: W.G.C. \$50., Davis-Graves \$40., Melish \$55. Definitely one of the four rarest "O" Mint Eagles, and potentially a \$100. coin.
- 237 1842. Large date, as on all following. Fine plus. Uncommon, and not at all unattractive.
- 238 1842 "O". Abt. Extremely Fine. In need of cleaning, but better than most offered, including the Henry P. Graves, Melish coins. Valued to \$37.50.
- 239 1843 "O". Thin, timidly cut date. Marked EF, this exceptionally desirable piece does not quite reach that grade.
- 240 1844. Fine to VF. Rare year, only 6,361 coined. The VF Davis-Graves lot brought \$52. Peake and Melish had none.
- 241 1845 "O". First three figures of date recut; the 5 re-engraved. Fine plus. Very scarce variety.
- 242 1846. Small date, as on the Cents. Strictly Very Fine, few tiny handling marks. The year not represented in Memorable, Peake or Melish; perhaps the low mintage of 20,095 is the reason.
- 243 1846 "O". Medium date, as on the Half Dollars and one variety of the Cents. Barely Fine, but weak struck at right obverse; minor rim nick between second and third stars.
- 244 1847. Very Fine. Small obv. rim bruise below 7 of date. The VF Davis-Graves piece went at \$30.00.
- 245 1847 "O". About VF; one or two serious handling marks upon either side. Over eleven years ago, the Very Fine W.G.C. example sold for \$35.00.
- 246 1848 "O". New hub, apparently the same used through 1907; differs from that of 1839-47 only in minute details. Very Fine. Decidedly uncommon.
- 247 1849 "O". Better than VF, lustrous. Few abrasion marks, lightly scratched in the l. reverse field under the eagle's r. wing. Rather scarce, only 23,900 minted. Worth \$40.00.
- 248 1850 "O". Large date, as on the Cents (as usual). Fully Very Fine, although cleaned. W.G.C. at \$37.50.
- 249 1851. Apparently the high date variety mentioned in Melish 2413. Barely Very Fine, faintly lustrous. Mostly clean but weak.
- 250 1851 "O". Strictly Very Fine. The somewhat superior Melish specimen sold for \$38.00.
- 251 1852. Not quite VF. Impaired slightly at the bottom rev. edge. Quoted to \$35.00.
- 252 1854. Small date, as on the Cents. Strictly Extremely Fine; lustrous and bright. Limited coinage of 54,250. Far above average!



- 253 **1854 "O". Large date**, as on the Silver Dollars. This date is quite unforgettable once seen, as it fills up practically the entire space below the bust. Extremely Fine; beautifully struck and preserved. The only other one we have seen in recent years is the VF Melish coin, which went as a "sleeper" at \$37.50, while we were out of the room. A major rarity, like the 1850 small date Eagle and the 1854 large date Double Eagle. Each of these appears to have represented an error at the Mint. **Plate**  
The discovery example of the 1854 "O" Eagle with large date appeared as lot 1529 in the W. C. Atwater collection, sold in 1946. It realized \$42., in spite of the fact that friend B. Max Mehl was so exuberant (and justifiably so) in describing the piece, that he neglected (in 56 words) to mention anything about condition.
- 254 **1854 "S"**. First year. Regular small date. Large mintmark, break through M of AMERICA; apparently die of Melish 2425. Extremely Fine with original lustre. A nice item, far from common. Sharper than the Col. Green, Davis-Graves offered impression at \$50.00.
- 255 **1855**. Slanting 5's. Very Fine plus, lustrous but dullish. Clean and choice, in spite of a small nick upon the reverse rim.
- 256 **1856 "O"**. Upright 5. Weakly cut mintmark. Obverse barely Fine, reverse VG; three or four tiny rim nicks. Decidedly scarce, the total mintage 14,500. The VF Davis-Graves lot realized \$70.00.
- 257 **1858 "O"**. Not quite Very Fine; traces of rev. lustre, few rev. abrasion marks. Limited emission of 20,000 pieces. The comparable H. P. Graves coin commanded \$45.00.
- 258 **1859 "O"**. Strictly Very Fine. Sharp and with unimportant signs of handling. Of great, though unappreciated rarity, as only 2,300 were struck (less than 1858 Philadelphia!). About equal to the Melish coin at a far too low \$47.50. The Davis-Graves specimen, in our eyes only Fine (although called VF), sold for \$90. over three years ago.
- 259 **1870 "S"**. Microscopic mintmark. Very Fine and bold, but cleaned with some sort of metal polish. Another unappreciated item, as only 8,000 were made. A VF one in the Menjou sale, on a really weak market, brought \$46. The Memorable offering had none, nor did Melish.
- 260 **1871 "CC"**. Also a polished Very Fine; light abverse scratch and tiny border nick. Also rare, only 7,185 coined. B. M. Mehl mentions an \$80. record in the Atwater catalog; the Henry P. Graves piece sold for \$70.00.
- 261 **1873 "CC"**. Fine to Very Fine and likewise polished. Not as sharp as the last two lots, but free of impairment and considerably rarer; total mintage of 4,543 (smaller than 1870 "CC"). Many famous collections have lacked this Carson City date, including the Melish. Worth \$75.00.
- 262 **1874 "CC"**. Mintmark small and weak. Very Fine. Some 16,767 made. The greatly inferior Davis-Graves lot brought \$65., Memorable and Melish had none.
- 263 **1875 "CC"**. Very Good to Fine; evenly worn, few small handling nicks. Small mintage of 7,715, which makes this a shade less scarce than the 1871 "CC". Lacking in the Memorable, Peake sales, among others.
- 264 **1876 "CC"**. Very Fine and clean, although weakly struck upon the obverse. One of the rarer ones, with a low mintage of 4,696. This piece much more desirable than the Graves example at \$65.00.
- 265 **1877 "CC"**. Very Fine; much bolder than last, but in need of cleaning. This is one of the three rarest Carson City Eagles, with a really low 3,332 struck. The Fine Davis-Graves lot (called VF) realized \$65., or almost double the insipid Guidebook valuation of \$37.50.
- 266 **1878**. Barely Very Fine. Rather limited number made for a Philadelphia coin; **73,800 in all**.
- 267 **1878 "S"**. Microscopic S. Fine to Very Fine. Small obverse border nick. Dr. Green's was only Very Good.
- 268 **1878 "CC"**. Very Fine, though marked EF. A very rare date, rarer than the 1877 "CC". Exceptionally hard to find in decent shape; Henry P. Graves only had a Good to VG one, which managed to bring \$65. None in Memorable or Peake or Melish.
- 269 **1879**. Better than VF and lustrous, but with a rather prominent abrasion nick above Liberty's head. Similar to the Melish coin, overestimated at \$47.50.
- 270 **1879 "O"**. Extremely Fine. Unusually clean and a beautifully struck piece; a sharp impression from new dies retaining polish. This is **one of the major rarities in the series**. First of all, only 1,500 were coined when the New Orleans Mint reopened (after an eighteen year lapse in business occasioned by the Civil War), making it one of the seven rarest Liberty Heads. Second, such im-

portant offerings as Bell, Memorable, Peoke and Melish locked this mint mark in any condition. Third, we have been unable to locate a better specimen in any auction sale since the 1890's. The best one found, possibly this very lot, brought \$87.50 in the Atwater sale, 1946. Davis-Graves had a nicked-up VF coin, which was bid up to \$150. Dealer Jim Kelly was right, when he said in the 1956 Chi-ANA catalog, in describing an esthetically inferior impression, "worth double its catalogue value of \$100.00." **Plate**

- 271 1879 "S". Very Fine. Slightly mishandled about the borders and edge.
- 272 **1879 "CC"**. About Very Fine. Weakly struck, especially at the borders. Relatively clean and evenly worn. Any regularly issued U.S. gold coin with a mintage of less than 1,800 pieces, like this one, is of major importance and potentially worth in three figures. Technically, **the rarest Carson City Eagle and, a fact realized by very few, the rarest gold coin issued by the Nevada Mint, in terms of number made.**
- 273 1880. Very Fine. Practically free of abrasion marks.
- 274 1880 "O". Extremely Fine. Bright and mostly lustrous, the reverse splendid. Unimportant signs of contact with other coins about the obverse rim. Only 9,200 pieces made, and a mintmark worth remembering. The Very Fine one of H. P. Graves sold for \$60., over three years ago. None in any grade in the 1948 Memorable sale.
- 275 1880 "S". Barely Very Fine; the average run for the date and denomination.
- 276 **1880 "CC"**. Mostly Very Fine, clean and attractive. Far from common; records in this condition to \$50.00.
- 277 1881. Just about Ex. Fine. Lustrous and nice. As we said of the Dr. Peake coin, "difficult to find perfect."
- 278 1881 "O". Better than VF, closer to Ex. Fine. Free of noticeable blemishes. Only 8,350 minted. Slightly finer than the W.G.C. coin at \$35. in 1946, or half-a-dozen others we could name, among them the Davis-Graves lot at \$55.00.
- 279 1881 "S". Marked "Ex. Fine," this is a trifle under our rigorous standard for that grade. With considerable lustre, and far better than the Green, Menjou examples.
- 280 1882. Very Fine. Easily removable reverse dirt, not so easily removable pinpoint rim nick.
- 281 1882 "O". Better than Very Fine, but the obverse cleaned. Much better than the Menjou coin; worth at least as much as the \$52.50 commanded by the Graves piece.
- 282 1882 "S". Very Fine. For some unknown reason, lacking in the Peake coll.
- 283 1883. Extremely Fine. With a hardly visible scratch upon Liberty's face and a few minute bag marks.
- 284 **1883 "CC"**. Fine plus. Tiny rev. rim nick. Exactly 12,000 made, hence underrated.
- 285 1884 "S". Extremely Fine. Highly lustrous, but with a slight bruise upon the right rim of the obv. Dr. Green was happy to have a Fine specimen, Mr. Graves a Very Fine one.
- 286 1885. Very Fine. Also with an obverse rim bruise.
- 287 1885 "S". Very Fine.
- 288 1886. Very Fine plus. Evidence of bag contact with other coins upon Liberty's head.
- 289 1886 "S". Better than Very Fine. Bright and lustrous; small rev. border nick.
- 290 1887. Extremely Fine. Mostly brilliant, with full, original lustre; tiny abrasion nick on Liberty's chin. A nice example of a decidedly uncommon date; only 53,600 coined.
- 291 1887 "S". Just Very Fine. Equal to the W.G.C. and Davis-Graves specimens; superior to the Atwater and Dr. Green lots, among others.
- 292 **1888. Brilliant Proof.** Except for a single reverse hairline, a pinpoint spot at the first S of STATES, and one or two of the inevitable lint marks (as made), this is a flawless, gorgeous item. Only a small number remaining, out of the 72 pieces originally struck. Valued at over \$200. today!
- 293 1888 "O". Extremely Fine. Free from visible impairment, and bright enough to have been called "Abt. Unc." by a former owner. Moderate mintage of 21,335 coins. Scarce, the Very Fine Graves example having realized \$55. Peoke had none.
- 294 1888 "S". Very Fine. Dr. Green never was able to locate an acceptable one.
- 295 1889 "S". Very Fine and sharp; few minor handling nicks. Equal to the W.G.C. and Menjou pieces.



- 296 1890. Exactly like the last, but a much scarcer date, seldom seen except in proof. Exactly 57,980 business strikes made. Record of \$40. VF in the Davis-Graves offering.
- 297 **1891. Mostly brilliant Proof.** Only a couple of picayune hairlines, requiring the use of a glass upon the reverse, away from Superb grade. It is a safe bet that only a small fraction of the original 48 proofs remain seriously unimpaired today, and an even safer bet that this piece will represent a profitable investment to the successful buyer.
- 298 **1891 "CC".** Just about Ex. Fine, with nearly full mint lustre. Better than the W.G.C.—Menjou coin, the Memorable lot, either Melish example, and several others offered in late years.
- 299 1892 "O". Ex. Fine plus. Somewhat bag marked, but highly brilliant. Decidedly nicer than the VF Graves specimen at \$40.00. Not in Dr. Peake's coll.
- 300 Duplicate. Fine to VF, but polished; two or three minor rim nicks. Just 28,688 Eagles made in New Orleans in 1892.
- 301 1892 "S". Fine. None in the Peake sale.
- 302 1893. Close to Ex. Fine. Lustrous, despite signs of cleaning; few slight abrasion marks, mainly about the rims.
- 303 1893 "O". With the sharpness of VF, but polished and somewhat mishandled. The most important flaw is an obverse rim nick, right of the date. Scarce, only 17,000 coined. Records to \$35. for cleaner VF examples.
- 304 1894. Close to Extremely Fine. Well above average.
- 305 1894 "O". Very Fine. Bright and lustrous, but with two or three minute obv. nicks, a couple of scratch-like digs upon the rev. at ME of AMERICA and the border. Hardly as bad as it sounds; should be seen.
- 306 1894 "S". About Very Fine, clean and highly desirable. Only 25,000 pieces struck. A true "sleeper," the Davis-Graves lot realizing \$30., none in our Peake sale.
- 307 1895. Very Fine and choice. Marked "Ex. Fine."
- 308 1896. Equally Very Fine. Exactly 76,270 regulars issued, compared to 567,770 of the 1895.
- 309 1896 "S". The S a mere blob. Abt. Very Fine, relatively clean. Not common.
- 310 1897. Very Fine or better, rich orange patina.
- 311 1897 "O". Almost V. Fine; exceptionally clean. Just 42,500 issued. In the Davis-Graves auction, April, 1954, where "O" Mint Eagles were really strong, this date brought \$45.00.
- 312 1898. Strictly Ex. Fine. Dulled and tarnished a bit, but attractive and desirable.
- 313 1898 "S". Mint letter leans far to right. Just Very Fine; few minute abrasion marks upon the obverse. Lacking in the Peake, Melish offerings, among others.
- 314 1899. Choice Unc. The obverse with trifling signs of mint abrasion or rubbing. Lists in the Guidebook at \$30.00.
- 315 1899 "O". Very Fine. Strong and bold, but with an obv. edge bruise; another victim of the abominable metal polish. Mintage of 37,047 pieces.
- 316 1899 "S". Strictly Extremely Fine. Unusually bright and lustrous, although lightly bag marked upon the obverse.
- 317 1900. Just about Ex. Fine. Dullish, with some traces of dirt; in need of cleaning.
- 318 1901. Brilliant Unc. With almost minimal mint abrasions, and decidedly above average so. The Dr. Peake specimen brought \$27.50 in 1955.
- 319 1901 "S". Brilliant Unc., like the last. As near to "gem" grade as we have yet seen. The first Thomas G. Melish example sold for \$32. in Indianapolis.
- 320 Duplicate. Very Fine plus. Clean, but not completely free of bag marks.
- 321 **1902.** Almost fully **brilliant Proof.** Cleaned long ago, and with one or two tiny tarnish spots upon the obverse, but a beauty! The Melish proof, though rather badly nicked up, was bid to \$112.50 last year.
- 322 1902 "S". Fine to Very Fine.
- 323 1903. Not quite Very Fine. Some evidence of contact with other coins, mainly about the reverse rim. Uncommon, like many of these Eagles, contrary to general opinion.
- 324 1903 "O". Marked Unc., this coin is actually EF and nicked up, almost entirely about the obverse rim. We have seen worse with the flaws unmentioned!
- 325 1903 "S". Very Fine. With two small nicks, one of the pinpoint variety, in the r. reverse field. Still, equal to the W.G.C., Davis-Graves lots.
- 326 **1904. Brilliant Proof.** Unfortunately, a coin that got into circulation for a few minutes, and in the process acquired a number of infinitesimal nicks, none of them serious. Almost certain to bring a three figure price, if the Melish 1902 Proof and others are a criterion.

- 327 1904 "O". Very Fine. Records to \$28. so!
- 328 **1905. Brilliant**, almost completely "gem" **Proof**. Valued over \$160. today!
- 329 1905 "S". Barely Very Fine. Obverse rim and edge nick.
- 330 1906. Choice, fully brilliant Unc. With half-a-dozen minor abrasion marks upon the obv., no visible reverse blemish. Worth \$30.00.
- 331 1906 "S". Very Fine; lightly bag marked (with numerous infinitesimal nicks), as are so very many of our larger gold coins. This one better than Dr. Green's Fine example.
- 332 1906 "D". First year of issue from Denver. Ex. Fine and very clean surfaced, but (paradoxically) with removable surface dirt. Extra choice!
- 333 1907. Last year for the Liberty Head. Strictly Ex. Fine. Highly lustrous, particularly on the reverse.
- 334 1907 "S". Just about EF, almost full mint lustre. Comparatively small mintage. Our remarks in the Peake catalog concerning this mintmark make interesting reading today.
- 335 1907 "D". Second and last year for Miss Liberty. A beautiful proof-like impression, which, due to the blight of handling, cannot be graded above Ex. Fine. H. P. Graves only had a Very Fine one.
- 336 **1907.** The new St. Gaudens design with Indian Head. **Periods** before and after legends; wire edge. Brilliant Unc., but with the minutest of nicks on the edges, as usual with this variety. Only 498 in collectors' hands, less the quantity turned in by confused people in 1934. Melish's similar specimen was bid to \$140.00.
- 337 1907. Indian head; regular issue, no periods. Just V. Fine, though marked "Ex. Fine." Few marginal defects. Ex Mehl.
- 338 1908 "D". Same type; no motto. Very Fine or better, slight obverse rim nick. Popular type item!
- 339 1908. Motto, IN GOD WE TRUST on reverse. Ex. Fine or so. Cleaned; slightly abraded about the rims.
- 340 1909. Fine to VF; clean, even wear, no faults.
- 341 1909 "S". Mostly Very Fine. Few handling nicks, the most notable one upon Miss Liberty's cheek. Definitely scarce, this piece comparable to the Graves lot at \$27.50.
- 342 1910. Close to EF, but not able to make it.
- 343 1910 "S". Fine to V. Fine. Hardly common!
- 344 1910 "D". Extremely Fine or better. Lustrous, but with a few handling marks upon Liberty's upper jaw, an equally unimportant reverse border nick or so.
- 345 1911. At first glance this piece appears Unc., but close inspection reveals faint traces of cabinet friction, and a very few insignificant signs of abrasion.
- 346 1912. Mostly Ex. Fine, lustrous.
- 347 1912 "S". Small mintmark, unlike preceding dates. Fine plus; obtained as "V.F." The W.G.C. sale only contained a Very Fine example.
- 348 1913. Extremely Fine. Highly lustrous, some evidence of handling.
- 349 1913 "S". VF, but another and, one hopes, final victim of metal polish. Impaired slightly, mainly about the reverse border and rim. Exactly 66,000 minted, and therefore scarce.
- 350 1914. Brilliant Unc. Almost completely free of blemishes, and valued to \$32.50 so.
- 351 1914 "S". Fine to Very Fine. Seldom found better!
- 352 1914 "D". Very Fine. Somewhat dirty, plus a small obverse and pronounced reverse edge bruises. Lower coinage than the Cent!
- 353 1915. Fine. With a reverse rim nick, otherwise clean.
- 354 1926. Bright, brilliant Unc. One or two minor bag marks away from Perfect. Peake's similar specimen brought \$26.00.
- 355 **1932.** Brilliant Unc. With full frosty lustre, traces of tarnish. Far nicer than most offered, including the Davis-Graves lot at a record \$43.00.

## HALF EAGLES

### The Very Rare 1795 Heraldic Eagle Reverse

- 356 **1795. Large heraldic eagle;** four berries in olive branch. Adams 13; Clapp 7; Newcomer 13. **Rarity 6, nearly R-7.** (The other and slightly rarer die of this type, Adams 14, has five berries.) Extremely Fine or better, some proof-like lustre. Even, unusually prominent obverse denticles; the reverse border shallower, and showing two infinitesimal rim nicks. The weakness at eagle's neck and die cracks at his tail are characteristic of this very rare reverse die. Fully equal to the Woodin coin illustrated by E. H. Adams, to the Cleneay



(1890), Atwater pieces, and to the Melish example of this die. Better than the Ten Eyck (1922) specimen, long considered "tops," among several others. Lacking in the famous Stickney coll. (1907), as well as the recent Davis-Graves, Dr. Clifford E. Smith (1955) offerings. The J. F. Bell lot brought \$595., W.G.C. and Atwater, both \$525., Menjou's \$500., Baldenhofer's first \$525. also, and Melish's \$560.00. **Plate**

References listed are to the articles by Adams in the Sept., Nov. and Dec., 1934, March, 1935, issues of "The Coin Collector's Journal," to Clapp's notebooks and the Newcomer inventory, as explained following lot 223. Tentative rarity listings have been assigned, based upon present knowledge of actual numbers known and available.

- 357 **1798.** Large 8; **fourteen reverse stars.** A-3; not in Clapp; N-24. **Rarity 7.** About Unc. and highly lustrous, though with the usual mint abrasions seemingly unavoidable on even Mint State gold. So far as we know, this is the finest example known of this extremely rare type. The badly shattered reverse die fully accounts for the rarity. This is lot 323 from the World's Greatest Coll., later in the Melish sale. Valued to \$250.00. **Plate**

The types of Half Eagles for 1798 are (1) Large date, small eagle (R-7); (2) Large date, heraldic eagle, rev. 14 stars; (3) Large date, heraldic eagle, rev. 13 stars; (4) Small date, heraldic eagle, rev. 13 stars.

- 358 **1799.** Normal date; small rev. stars, 5 berries. A-6; C-3; N-35. **Rarity 4.** Reverse is the same die as 1798 A-5, making this the first die variety of the year. Better than Ex. Fine and lustrous, although not a very bold strike. While not one of the rarer die varieties of this scarce date, it is hard to locate; Melish's six examples did not include one. Break from rim down between S of STATES to O of OF to stars, perhaps accounting for the scarcity. Worth \$100.00.

The above variety is distinguished by having the stars above the eagle in diamond-shaped patterns (the "abnormal" arrangement) in contrast to the "normal" arrangement of a row of six, a row of five, and one at beak, and one behind head.

- 359 **1799.** Last 9 large and recut; small rev. stars, 5 berries. A-3; C-5; N-32. **Rarity 4.** Strictly Ex. Fine, a noticeable abrasion mark upon either side. Reddish toning, especially on reverse. This is the same variety as Melish 1851, which brought \$87.50 on a \$110. estimate as AU.

The 1799 Half Eagles divide into the following types: (1) Small rev. stars, 4 berries (Adams 1); (2) Small rev. stars, 5 berries (5 varieties, two with large, recut final 9); (3) Large rev. stars, 5 berries (3 varieties, one with large, recut final 9). All of these varieties are scarce, some rare.

- 360 **1800.** A-1; C-2; N-38. **Rarity 3.** Very Fine. Use of a glass discloses that the edges have, upon two or three occasions, been lightly rubbed against a touchstone, a common practice in the days when bullion value (rather than government authority) was what made a coin acceptable in trade. Valued to \$75.00.

- 361 **1800.** A-3; C-1; N-40. **Rarity 3.** Obv. as last; rev. differs, claw grasps final A and stem does not extend beyond the A. Very Fine. The obverse sharper than upon the last, but there are several granular "pockmarks." Not nearly as bad as it sounds.

There are about five die varieties of 1800, all very minor.

- 362 **1802/1.** A-2; C-1; N-44. **Rarity 4.** Obv. In date 1 shows behind left side of 2, which touches bust. Rev. Long spine runs into R. Labeled "Unc.," this is just AU, the reverse being extra nice. The few picayune flaws are not worth the cost of printing their description. Ex "H. R. Lee" sale, 1947, where this was lot 1218. Nearly equal to the Earle-Ryder-Melish coin at \$75.00.

There are eight die varieties of this overdate, three with the obverse described above, the other five with the 1 showing behind center of 2.

- 363 **1803/2.** A-2; C-2; N-53. **Rarity 3.** About Uncirculated; both sides showing considerable mint frost. Superior to many offered, including the Atwater and Donlon (1956) pieces, among others. Should bring \$65. or so.

Only three die varieties of this overdate, all with the same obverse.

- 364 **1806.** Knobbed 6; stars 7 x 6. C-1; N-68. **Rarity 2.** Extremely Fine or so, and lustrous. Cleaned once, but still choice. Just about equal to the "AU" Chi-ANA sale coin, which was estimated at \$75.00. Ex Mehl.

The Adams publication ended with 1803 in the CCJ, owing to Adams's illness. There is only one variety of the above type; 54,417 coined. Six varieties are reported of the Pointed 6 type; 9,676 struck. Evidently, the dies deteriorated rapidly. Later strikes from the Knobbed 6 dies show many rust pits; the arrowhead nearest center of N disappears, and several fine cracks develop.

- 365 **1807.** Head to right. Small date and stars, distant 1; reverse with large stars. Breen 1-B; C-2; N-80. **Rarity 5.** Very Fine. Evidence of long contact with its brethren in a bag. Among the ten Melish examples, representing all six die varieties of this issue, only one was a 1-B (lot 1900) and it was only slightly better than this one. Worth \$60., but with a higher long-run potential as a scarce "type."

There are six varieties with head to right, most of them scarce, and all misdescribed by previous students. **B. 1-A** (C-1): Obverse as above; rev. small stars, lowest outer leaf hollow. R-3. **B. 1-B** is described above. **B. 2-B** (C-5): Small even date and stars; rev. large stars, leaves welded directly to the thick branch. R-6. **B. 2-C** (C-4): Same obverse; rev. large stars, spine to I in AMERICA. R-6. **B. 3-C** (not in Clapp): Small date, 07 close, large stars spread apart; same reverse. Possibly R-7. **B. 4-C** (C-3): Large date, 1 and 0 recut, large stars; same reverse. R-5. It is evident that these fall into four types, which will find their proper listing in the Specialized Catalogue.

- 366 1807. Large bust left in mob-cap. By John Reich, after designs by E. Lugio Persico. C-6. Rarity 2. Very Fine. Clean, except for one or two hardly noticeable marks upon the reverse rim. From the "H. R. Lee" sale, lot 1226, as EF. In the Guidebook at \$50. Fine. Ex Mehl.

We have here again a situation like that just described under 1806. There is only one variety of the Bust Left; 50,597 coined. As shown, there are six varieties (mostly types) of the Head Right; 33,496 struck.

- 367 1808. Perfect date; wide 5 D. C-2. Rarity 2. Extremely Fine. Minor signs of handling, mainly upon the obverse device and rim. Lustrous and desirable. Far better than the recently sold Donlon lot and several others. Ex Mehl.

The perfect date also, though very rarely, comes with close 5D; not known so to Clapp or Newcomer. Cf. W.G.C. 353, Melish 1916.

- 368 1809/8. C-1. Rarity 2. Very Fine plus, and a very attractive coin for the grade. Faint adjustment marks, a trifling rim nick, at the bottom of the obverse. Valued to \$60. Same source as the last two.

Clapp and Newcomer knew only this variety. The "perfect date" coins (e.g. W.G.C. 356) may be from the same obverse die, now worn down. We have never seen one from unequivocally different dies.

- 369 1810. Large date, as on the Half Cent. C-1. Rarity 2. Strictly Fine; some unimportant rim and/or edge impairment. Ex Mehl.

- 370 1810. Small date; tall 5. **Unpublished die variety** of this type: Obv. C-2, rev. 1811 C-2. (The only tall 5 reverse that Clapp knew with this obverse was the die of 1808-9, as seen on the Sleicher-Ryder coin, lot 1919 in the Melish offering.) About Fine, with a soft, somewhat roughened appearance; pinpoint nick in the r. obverse field. Probably very rare; we have encountered no duplicate. Ex John Zug.

The small date, tall 5 is distinctly rarer than the large date variety. The small date, small 5 coin we know only from its records in the Earle (1912) and Dr. Green collections; we have never handled a specimen in any condition.

- 371 1811. Small date as always; large, wide 5 D. C-2. Probably R-4. Close to Ex. Fine. Uniformly lustrous, but with a long, really light scratch in the l. obverse field. Late die state; multiple incusations on obv. and rev. dies, most prominently of motto above date. Cf. Melish 1927, which was not nearly as nice. Ex John Zug.

The other variety of this date, C-1, has small, close 5D, and is about equally scarce.

- 372 1812. Wide 5 D. C-2. Rarity 2. About Unc. A splendid impression, nicely centered and struck, with full original frost. Ex B. M. Mehl, later "H. R. Lee" 1233. Comparable to Atwater 1631 at \$62.50, Golden Jubilee 347 at \$51., Melish 1931 at \$57.00.

The other variety of this date, C-1, has close 5D; it is somewhat scarcer.

- 373 **1813**. New type; no drapery. C-1. **Rarity 5**. Lustrous Unc., but with just a touch of cabinet friction. Better than both Melish examples; almost as nice as the one in our Forty-Eighth sale, which realized \$105. last November 24th. Ex Elder, T. J. Clarke.

Only one die variety seen; a second reported but never verified.

- 374 **1814/3**. Only one variety; reverse identical to last. **Borderline R-6**. Close to Extremely Fine. This coin shows the faintest evidence of handling, but there is enough mint bloom to impress the most critical. Comparable to (possibly finer than) the W.G.C. lot at \$82.50, eleven years ago; fully equal to Melish's best (lot 1938) at \$91. A greatly underrated date!

- 375 Another. Most traces of the overdate gone, but from the same dies as last, now severely injured from clanging together without a planchet between them. Heavy incusation of shield at Liberty's ear. About Unc. A brilliant, shorp piece, without a readily visible blemish. We have seen many worse coins of commoner years sold as "Gem Unc." Lists at \$135. Uncirculoted. **Plate**

We anticipate a sharp rise in value for the comparatively inexpensive 1813-14-18 Half Eagles, as type collectors begin to realize that they represent a totally different design from that of 1807-12.



## THE EXCEEDINGLY RARE 1819 HALF EAGLE

### with the Unpublished Error Reverse of 1818

376 **1819.** Numeral 9 strongly cut in date; **close 5D over 50, the unpublished error reverse of 1818.** Clapp 1. **Rarity 8.** Strictly Extremely Fine with nearly full original sharpness. While this great rarity appears unusually clean and choice to the naked eye, it has once been mounted, but the loop was removed with such supreme skill, that a glass is required to see where it once was (above the seventh obverse star, opposite lower pair of leaves in olive branch upon the reverse). At the last appearance of this piece, in the "H. R. Lee" auction, as lot 1237, October 3, 1947, it was described as follows: "1819. This coin is about Uncirculated, with most of mint lustre still on it and is the famous Flanagan Specimen for which \$1400. was paid. This coin was considered the third rarest of all the gold coins ever issued. Having handled the Col. Green Collection of Half Eagles, we only found 2 Specimens. We look forward to this coin realizing \$5000. Excessively Rare." To the best of our knowledge, **just nine or ten specimens exist of this date in all**, representing three die varieties, two "types." **Only four of them are from this error reverse, making the 1819 "5D over 50" type much rarer than the regular 1819 Half Eagle.** The date 1819 is always, from long tradition, compared to the year 1815 in rarity. Our records indicate that probably eight 1815's exist, but in that case the present coin, which is about twice as rare as the 1815, should bring a lot more than the \$3,000.-\$3,750 commanded by the latter date. Enlarged **Plate**

The four 1819 5D over 50 Half Eagles known to us are as follows: (1) The above coin which was lot 2386 in Henry Chapman's celebrated sale of the G. H. Earle, Jr. collection, June, 1912, and which is now offered for sale by Mr. Eliasberg. (2) The H. P. Smith example, purchased as lot 207 at the Chapman cataloged sale of his coll., May, 1906, by John Clapp, and retained by Mr. Eliasberg. (3) The equally splendid D. S. Wilson specimen, sold by S. H. Chopman as lot 69 ("the finest known") in his sale of the Wilson coll., March, 1907; later, lot 367 in the W.G.C. (4) The Very Fine M. A. Stickney piece, offered as lot 662 in that celebrated 1907 sale by Henry Chapman, and purchased by W. F. Dunham; Mr. Mehl gave the Dunham coin, lot 2091, two full pages of description (pps. 135-37) when he sold it in 1941, but neglected to observe the reverse error. From what we can ascertain, the Stickney-Dunham item appeared as lot 1463 in the Menjou (Williams) offering.

The 1818 Half Eagle with the glaring blunder in the reverse die was known to the Chappmans fifty-three years ago, when they described one in the H. P. Smith catalog—"1818. Rev. The D in the denomination has been cut over the letter (!) O showing that the die sinker originally made it 50 instead of 5D." Apparently, since the O is of proper size for the Half Dollar, the engraver absent-mindedly thought he was working on that denomination, the same mistake displayed on the rare 1822 and 1828 Quarters.

377 **1820.** Curled 2; "large" letters. C-1. **A high R-6.** Magnificent, splendid Unc. A frosty beauty, very nearly flawless. A coin certain to please all collectors save perhaps those few who are unsatisfied with anything less than perfection. Ex Dunham, lot 2093; "Lee," lot 1238. Superior to the Melish specimen; fully comparable to the Golden Jubilee example at \$277.50. **Plate**

The date 1820 is a rather paradoxical one for Half Eagles. It is possibly the only really early issue where proofs are just about as rare as Uncirculated coins of the same year. There are four other varieties of 1820: Curled 2, small letters, two rev. dies; Sq. based 2, large letters, two obv. dies.

### The Extremely Rare 1821 Half Eagle

378 **1821.** Only one variety. **Rarity 7;** about 10 known. Strictly Very Fine. With even wear (and not much of that) plus the usual evidence of light handling. Originally from the G. H. Earle, Jr. sale (1912); Flanagan (1944), lot 1097 at \$750.; "Lee," lot 1240. Lacking in the Davis-Graves offering, among others. **Plate**

The figure of ten known 1821 Half Eagles comes from the Newcomer inventory, and checks with our own records.

## The Excessively Rare 1824 Half Eagle

- 379 **1824.** Only one variety. **Rarity 7;** only 7 or 8 known. Choice, just about fully brilliant Unc. Not fully struck up at forelock, but otherwise bold and desirable. Careful inspection reveals a short field scratch under M of UNUM, but no other impairment worth notice. Collectors have, for some reason, neglected this date in comparison with others actually less rare. Even so, the J. F. Bell example managed to bring \$950., Dec. 8, 1944. Ex Dunham, lot 2097; "Lee," lot 1242. **Plate**

We have been able to trace exactly seven 1824 Half Eagles. (1) The present coin; (2) Bell coll., Golden Jubilee sale, Unc. (\$575.); (3) W.G.C., Unc. (\$550.); (4) Col. Green estate, G. H. Hall sale (1945), Unc.; (5) Memorable coll., Melish sale, EF-AU, (\$575.); (6) Atwater coll., Unc. (\$565.); (7) Mint collection. The Dr. Smith, Menjou and Baldenhofer coins are presumably reappearances of Nos. 3, 4, 6. There is little to choose from among the various Mint State examples. If we are right, and six collectible specimens are actually all that have been making the rounds, this date is just about in a class with 1815 and 1819, proving that mail bidder #242 knew what he was doing twelve and a half years ago when he purchased the Bell lot.

## The Very Rare 1825/1 Half Eagle

- 380 **1825/1. C-2. Borderline R-7.** Extremely Fine. An early strike from polished dies; the kind of coin sold daily (in commoner dates, naturally) as "former Proof." Reasonably clean except for several minor abrasion nicks, generally pinpoint in size, and mostly upon the reverse above the denomination. We have not been able to verify a pedigree on this item, but believe it to be the "AU" Atwater example at \$575., or else its absolute twin. It is, at any rate, equal to or a shade better than the Melish coin sold last year for \$550. Most specimens of this overdate have at one time or another been called "Unc." (though plainly almost all of them do not deserve the grade), and sold for somewhere between \$450. and \$850., the latter figure being the sale price to Jerome Kern for one that was somewhat scratched up. We are inclined to agree with Henry Chapman, when, in his 1907 Stickney catalog, he said "only 10 or 12 are known." **Plate**

The other 1825 variety, Clapp 1, has a plain 4 under the 5, and is the brilliant proof now in the Eliasberg collection. It was originally in the Earle sale, 1912. We know no duplicate.

- 381 **1826.** Last star very close to curl. C-1. **Borderline R-6.** Very close to perfection; a well struck, evenly centered jewel, showing considerable proof-like lustre. This piece is at least similar to, if not a trifle finer than, the splendid Dr. Smith lot sold for \$600. two years ago, or the Melish coin at \$500. It is curious that this date when Unc. has a much wider price spread than have many others in this group; since 1945, twelve examples (surely not all different) have realized from \$222.50 (Memorable, 1948, on a very weak market) to the above-mentioned \$600. At any rate, we are certain the one here offered could not be improved at any price. Even such collections as Baldenhofer and G. H. Hall had inferior specimens, the former buffed. This lot from the Dunham sale, 1941, where it was correctly described as "just as perfect as the day it was minted," and where it brought \$365., when the dollar meant so much more than it does now. **Plate**

The other variety of 1826 has the last star quite distant from curl, and is known only from the huge Jenks sale of 1921, lot 5768, no duplicate having appeared.

- 382 **1830.** Reverse of 1831; small 5 D. C-2. **R-6, nearly R-7.** Better than Ex. Fine and lustrous, but this coin does display a number of infinitesimal handling marks, and has a small "V-shaped" obverse scratch between the third and fourth stars. Even with this slight defect, it is finer than many specimens offered in recent years. The W.G.C. had only a VF coin with test cut at top; the 1948 ANA Convention sale a piece called VF; Baldenhofer's was poorly cleaned, others were mishandled one way or another. None in the G. H. Hall, E. M. Wharton (also 1945), Memorable, Golden Jubilee or Davis-Groves sales, among other extensive offerings. Ex Dunham, lot 2103; "Lee," lot 1249. Probably worth around \$300. on today's market. **Plate**

The other variety of 1830 with the large 5D is supposed to have the reverse of 1829 second type. Evidently not many 1830 Half Eagles were saved in the year of issue, and this is therefore a much underrated date.



## The Very Rare 1831 Half Eagle

- 383 **1831.** Small D in value; rev. of 1830. C-1. **Nearly R-7**, possibly within that level. Close to Very Fine. Extensively handled, mainly about the edge, though not seriously impaired. Sharper than the Baldenhofer lot, lacking in the Golden Jubilee catalog, among others. Like so many of these coins, this piece was originally in the Dunham sale, where it fetched \$210. on a \$250. estimate. It reappeared as lot 1250 in the 1947 "Lee" auction. **Plate**
- Walter Breen of our staff turned up a reference in the National Archives to a public assay in Paris (1831) at which not less than forty thousand "recent" U.S. Half Eagles were melted and found to be of full legal fineness. This doubtless explains the rarity of the dates from 1821 to 1831 inclusive, even if the melting of more than eight million dollars worth of old-tenor gold in the period 1834-38 did not.

## The Extremely Rare 1832 Half Eagle

- 384 **1832. Thirteen stars; square based 2.** C-1. **Rarity 7.** Although this item has twice been called "Brilliant Unc." when previously offered at auction, the first time as a "Magnificent Semi-Proof," we feel safer grading it AU, mainly because of two bag marks upon Liberty's cheek, hardly worthy of mention. One of the very few dates not in W.G.C. or Melish, it is comparable to the G. H. Hall coin valued at \$825., the Atwater lot at \$600., and presumably the Kern or Golden Jubilee example (where this identical specimen is illustrated) at \$650. A testimony to the inadequacy of catalog listings on these dates is the fact that this 1832 listed at \$600. in 1941 and continued to in the 1954-55 Standard Catalogue, surely a low figure for a coin of which possibly nine impressions exist. Ex Dunham, lot 1032; "Lee," lot 1251. **Plate**
- Clapp 2 is, of course, the exceedingly rare type with twelve stars and curled 2. Possibly five are known, one of them (the Stickney coin) holed and plugged.
- 385 **1834. With motto; plain large 4 leaning r.** C-1. **Low R-6.** Just about Unc., uniformly bright and lustrous. Hardly visible and relatively unimportant evidence of contact with other coins. This is the example from the J. F. Bell and "Lee" sales, where it was described (in both instances) as "brilliant Uncirculated gem." In reality, it is the twin of the W.G.C., Dr. Green and Melish specimens at \$275., \$225. and \$285. Distinctly superior to the G. H. Hall, Memorable and Baldenhofer lots. Though not one of the rarest dates of the type, it should have special appeal as the final year. **Plate**
- Two other varieties of this type are known. C-2: Plain 4 leaning l., ex H. P. Smith 226 (R-7); C-2½: Crosslet 4 (R-6). Out of some 74,709 coined, 24,568 were melted on June 30, 1834. The other 50,141 were released, but most of them were promptly returned to the Mint for recoinage (as worth well over face).

- 386 **1834. New type without motto.** Large wide bust point; large 4. C-3. **Brilliant**, though lightly rubbed, **Proof**. One of the couple of dozen presentation strikes of the new Kneass design made in August, 1834. It is from the same dies as the Woadin specimen illustrated in the 1914 ANS Exhibition Catalog, with the guide lines at lower reverse (which wear off the die on the later strikes for circulation); the only dies from which any number of proofs have been seen of this date, though a very few proofs are known of two other varieties. Possibly, ex W.G.C. 382. This lot equal to the Golden Jubilee coin at \$72.50. **Plate**
- 387 **1834.** Large wide bust point, large 4; date far more closely spaced than on preceding, 8 4 low. Rev. Arrow joins A. C-6. Strictly Very Fine; three light marks on the top reverse border. From the same dies as W.G.C. 383 which brought \$40. Unc. Decidedly scarce variety.
- 388 **1834.** Short narrow bust point; small re-engraved 4, wide date. Rev. As last. Obv. C-4, rev. C-6, a muling not known to Clapp. Very Fine plus; faint indications of handling. Very rare variety.

## The New Type 1834 Half Eagle with Crosslet 4

- 389 **1834. Crosslet 4;** reverse with small arrowheads. C-7. The only variety with either feature. Brilliant, frosty Unc. A truly magnificent impression of this rarity, almost completely free of handling defects. The third, and by far the best we have handled. From the F. W. Geiss auction (1947), as finest known; the Memorable sale; finally, Melish 1968. Dr. Green's was well worn, Atwater's VF, the recently sold J. W. Schmandt piece VF; none in the W.G.C., Menjou, Dr. Smith, Peake or Baldenhofer offerings in any preservation. A little known "sleeper," in remarkable condition, well worth \$200. to any far-sighted collector. **Plate**

The discovery example of this rarity appeared in Mehl's 1911 Cowell sale. To our knowledge, the next one to appear at auction was the Wilharm coin in 1921 (also via Mehl), at \$42., then an extraordinary figure. In the Wilharm catalog the claim was made that only two were then known. Most of the specimens seen by us have been only Very Good to Fine, a VF example being exceptional enough to crow about.

- 390 1835. Small 1 in date, narrow bust point (like 1834 C-4); reverse leaf runs into U. Not in Clapp. Very Fine. Clean, except for two or three tiny obv. rim nicks, a cluster of very faint digs near Liberty's chin.
- 391 1835. Taller 1 with sharp peak; short wide bust point, first star near it; reverse leaf far from U. Also not in Clapp. Called Unc., this is actually a brilliant, but faintly handled EF-AU. Ex John Zug.
- 392 1836. Short thick leaves; T E S widely spaced, no berry on branch. C-1. Just VF; lightly scratched above eagle's head upon the reverse.
- 393 1836. Long slender leaves (especially the ones at right); TES closely spaced, no berry on branch. (There is a third variety with a berry.) The numeral 5 is larger and final A runs into arrow. C-2. Very Fine plus, sharp; a granular planchet streak in the r. obverse field. Obverse die broken vertically from eighth star down through 6. Really rare.
- 394 1837. Large date, small 5; berry on branch. C-1. About Very Fine. Unfortunately, this coin has several small reverse nicks, three of the most serious ones upon the top rim. A decidedly uncommon date.
- 395 1837. Large date, large 5; berry on branch. C-2. A hair's breadth from Unc., brilliant and choice. Not quite equal to the W.G.C. example at \$37.50, Melish's at \$33. Choice specimens of this date, if auction records are any criterion, are few and far between.
- 396 1838. Small 5; broad leaves, large arrowheads, as in 1837. TES close. C-1. Just about Ex. Fine, quite lustrous. The only Unc. one we ever saw (ex Ryder, Melish) cost \$40., and went at \$32.50 last year.
- 397 1838. Large 5; slender leaves with round ends, small arrowheads. T E S very wide. C-2. Just about Extremely Fine, exceptionally clean. A very rare variety, seldom seen in any condition.
- 398 **1838 "D"**. First year of issue; mintmark between date and bust. Strictly Very Fine, everywhere sharp except at reverse borders. Choice, in spite of a small, sharp reverse rim nick. Decidedly uncommon; limited mintage of 20,583. Baldenhofer's was only Fine; none in the Golden Jubilee sale and many other large offerings.
- 399 1839/8 (as always). New head with coronet. Obv. Fine or better, reverse VF. Close inspection reveals two or three pinpoint nicks, some minor signs of border and/or rim abrasion. We have been able to discover only three records for better pieces, one being the Melish cleaned Proof at \$400., the others being the EF W.G.C. and Atwater coins at \$35. and \$31. Dunham had none.
- 400 **1839 "D"**. Normal date; mintmark also upon obverse. Very Good to Fine; reverse border nick, faint dent in field above eagle. Scarce, the coinage 18,939 pieces. About equal to the Dr. Green coin. Ex "Lee" sale, lot 1381.
- 401 1841 "C". Very Fine. Bold, but with a noticeable obverse rim nick, together with other signs of handling. Moderate mintage. Ex "Lee," lot 1360. Worth \$30.00.
- 402 1841 "D". Small D, unbroken die; (also known with large D). Not quite Very Fine. Recently cleaned; light, but uniform evidence of contact with other coins. Almost equal to the W.G.C. lot; far superior to the Menjou coin among others. Ex "Lee," lot 1384.
- 403 1842. **Small letters**, type of 1841. Fully Very Fine; sharply struck and clean. Very rare and unappreciated; we have never had one in stock. The W.G.C. and Atwater coins, both called Unc., brought \$70. and \$77.50; the Dr. Green example, only Fine, fetched \$57.50; Melish's, EF-AU, realized \$82.50. We firmly believe that this date and type is rarer than 1861 "D" or 1875, and potentially in a class with the rarer dates in the 1820's. Apparently ex "Lee," lot 1263, there called "Extremely Fine."
- 404 1842 "D". Small date and letters. Strictly Very Fine. Traces of lustre, a few insignificant bag marks. Scarce, though not rare; still, none in Wharton, Memorable, or Peake.
- 405 1843. Barely Very Fine. The stars weak, but the surfaces comparatively clean. Dr. Green only had a VG one.
- 406 1844. Reverse die broken across, like Melish 2005. Labeled "Superb," this is a proof-like Mint State coin with the usual quota of infinitesimal mint abrasions and bag marks. Comparable to the first Melish coin which we bought for \$34. Invariably found circulated, this date is worth \$40. Perfect.



- 407 1844 "D". Ex. Fine to AU, considerable lustre. Ex "Lee," lot 1386, as "Practically Unc." May be the G. H. Hall coin, "Unc.," which we have never seen elsewhere. Better than the EF Dr. Green lot, or the W.G.C., Memorable, Menjou VF's. None in Wharton, Golden Jubilee, Peake. Valued to \$40.00.
- 408 1844 "O". Dies weakly cut; stars delicate, berries clawlike, two "ghost" leaves, end of stem split. Better than EF, in fact, rather close to Unc. The Hall, Wharton coins VF, Memorable EF, Menjou Fine, Donlon sale (last fall) Very Good. Worth \$35.00.
- 409 1845. Normal date (also known with re-engraved date). Fine to VF, but relatively clean for the grade. Comparable to the Wharton, Golden Jubilee and Menjou coins.
- 410 **1846. Small date**, figures thin and narrow, spaced 18 4 6. About Very Fine; reverse rim nick. Of the greatest rarity! Only two auction records known to us, the first W.G.C. (estimated \$50. Unc.), second Melish 2021, EF, which we bought for \$41. and promptly sold for a much higher figure. Potentially a \$100 item VF; we have looked at over one hundred 1846's without finding another one. **Plate**
- 411 **1846 "D". Double D.** Mintmark first cut too high, crowded into feathers and stem; then recut low, more than half its height lower. Almost Uncirculated, bright and attractive. From Elder's sale of Nov. 20, 1920, lot 2155, the Hillyer Ryder coll., Melish auction. By far the rarer of the two varieties of this year (the other one with the D normally cut). A true type, as deserving of attention as the 1846 over horizontal 6 Half Dollar, and similar items. **Enlarged Plate**
- 412 1847. Partly re-engraved date. Brilliant Unc. Sharp, and with the inevitable indications of handling. Easily worth \$35. so fine!
- 413 1847. Normal date. Very Fine or so. Equal to Dr. Peake's; superior to Dr. Green's, which was only "About Fine."
- 414 1847 "C". A shade better than VF, some lustre. Numerous microscopic bag marks. Nicer than specimens in the Memorable, Dr. Green, A.N.A. 1949, Golden Jubilee, Menjou and Peake sales. Ex "Lee," lot 1365.
- 415 1847 "D". Extremely Fine; one or two minor reverse rim nicks. Comparable to Dr. Green's, Donlon's; easily better than the Wharton, Menjou, Melish coins. None in Hall, Golden Jubilee, Peake, among others. Ex "Lee," lot 1389.
- 416 1847 "O". Very Fine. The mintmark weakly cut into die; planchet slightly defective upon both sides, as made. This is the fifth rarest Half Eagle from New Orleans, only 12,000 were made. Lacking in Hall, Wharton, Golden Jubilee, Peake. Valued to \$30.00.
- 417 1848. Die cracked vertically down from chin, vertically from final 8 to near Y, and horizontally through date. Not quite Ex. Fine. Far, far better than the Dr. Green, Menjou, and Donlon lots; none in Wharton or Peake. Ex "Lee," lot 1270, and believed to be the Dunham coin (lot 2122). A decidedly uncommon date!
- 418 1848 "C". Extremely Fine for the coin, but extensively bag marked; the reverse rim somewhat impaired. Equal to Atwater's, better than the Memorable, Dr. Green, Menjou and both Melish impressions. Ex "Lee," lot 1366.
- 419 1849 "C". Comparable to the last; perhaps a bit more brilliant and less abraded, but not fully EF. Similar to the first Melish piece, likewise superior to the Memorable, Dr. Green, Menjou and second Melish lots; none in Wharton, Golden Jubilee or Peake. Ex "Lee," lot 1367.
- 420 1849 "D". About Very Fine. Long abrasion mark in the upper rev. field, two unimportant reverse rim nicks. Better than Dr. Green's, among others. Ex "Lee," lot 1391. Definitely uncommon.
- 421 1851. Not quite Very Fine. Slight signs of handling, almost entirely about the obverse rim. The similar W.G.C. lot brought \$20.00.
- 422 1852. Obverse die broken through stars. Brilliant, frosty Unc. Unusually attractive and nice. The only other full Mint State ones we recall are the W.G.C. coin at \$30. and the Sears, Ryder, Melish example at a moderate \$27.50 last year. Worth \$30.-\$35.00.
- 423 Duplicate. Similar to last, but a much earlier die state. Strictly Very Fine. Lustrous, tiny obverse rim nick. Should bring \$17.50.
- 424 1852 "D". Mostly Very Fine; a bold impression with rather weak borders. Few minor defects upon the reverse border; with one exception, as made. Ex "Lee," lot 1394. Good property, as are all gold coins from the Dahlonega Mint.
- 425 1853 "D". Strictly Very Fine. Unevenly struck, although with some lustre. With two or three light abrasion marks, but quite desirable. Ex "Lee," lot 1395; probably the Dunham coin. Seldom found better!

- 426 1854 "D". Extremely Fine. While the periphery approaches full sharpness, the obv. and rev. devices are weakly struck. Clean and quite lustrous. Far, far superior to the Clarke piece in our Forty-Seventh sale at \$17. Ex "Lee," lot 1396; possibly the Dunham coin, called "practically Unc." A \$30. item, scarcer and choicer than the last two!
- 427 1854 "O". Fine to Very Fine. About equal to the Dr. Green lot; none in Golden Jubilee or Peake. Listed in the Guidebook at \$15. Fine.
- 428 1855. Very Fine or better. Clean, although not completely so. Nicer than the Donlon piece, estimated at \$20.00.
- 429 **1855 "O"**. Strictly Very Fine. Choice, in spite of two tiny reverse rim nicks, so close together they appear as one. The comparable W.G.C. specimen fetched \$20. eleven years ago, but that will be a conservative estimate when collectors realize that the 11,100 pieces minted make this one of the four rarest Half Eagles from the N.O. Mint. Lacking in many collections; far rarer than the now appreciated Quarter (176,000 made).  
The rarest New Orleans Half Eagle is the unobtainable 1841. The second and third rarest issues from that mint are the 1856 and 1892 with 10,000 coined apiece.
- 430 1855 "S". Fine to VF; bag marked, but nowhere seriously. Records to \$20. for comparable ones. Ex John Zug.
- 431 1856. Very Fine, though marked EF. Lustrous, but with one or two tiny obv. rim nicks. Better than Dr. Green's; the Peake coin was buffed. None in Wharton or Memorable. Ex "Lee," lot 1278.
- 432 1856 "C". About Very Fine. Clean appearing, except for an obv. border nick. Worth \$25.00.
- 433 1856 "D". Fine to VF. Obverse rim gouge, two or three nicks. Uncommon; 19,786 made.
- 434 **1856 "O"**. Very Fine. Rather bright, but with two or three indications of contact with other coins. With its low mintage of 10,000, this date is tied with 1892 for second rarest N.O. Half Eagle. Menjou's Fine example realized \$22.50; Wharton, Memorable, Golden Jubilee or Peake had none. Ex "Lee," lot 1351. Really rare!
- 435 1856 "S". Mostly Ex. Fine, few minor rim and border nicks. The Dr. Green piece was VF, as was the Menjou lot at \$19.50, Melish's at \$18. None in Wharton, Memorable, Peake. Ex "Lee," lot 1424.
- 436 1857. Very Fine or better; comparatively clean and lustrous. Uncommon date! Much nicer than the Wharton, Memorable, Dr. Green and Donlon coins; better than the Menjou VF, which brought \$18. on a \$17.50 estimate, while other Half Eagles brought around \$11.00.
- 437 1857 "D". Fine to VF. Planchet defective at upper r. reverse as made. Decidedly scarce; but 17,046 struck. A \$20. lot!
- 438 1858 "C". Very Fine; bold, except at center of reverse. Pinpoint rev. nick left of F in FIVE. Equal to the W.G.C. and Dr. Green lots; superior to Menjou's. None in Memorable, Golden Jubilee or Peake, like the last. Ex "Lee," lot 1376.
- 439 **1859 "D"**. Marked "Unc.," this brilliant strike is a hair's breadth away. With the exception of a small reverse rim nick, its handling marks can safely be described as trivial. In rarity, second only to 1861 "D"; but 10,366 coined. One of the two finest we have encountered, the other being the Ten Eyck, Ryder, Melish example which we missed at \$42.50. Ex Dunham, lot 2136; "Lee," lot 1401 (then estimated at \$50.). Rarely met with so fine; potentially worth to \$100.00. **Plate**
- 440 1859 "S". Mintmark smaller than on previous San Francisco coins. Very Fine or better, mostly clean. Greatly underrated; just 13,320 made. Generally found well worn, Menjou's (for instance) was only VG. Ex "Lee," lot 1427. May be W.G.C. 548, which brought \$32.50 on a \$30. estimate.
- 441 1860 "C". All four figures of date re-engraved. Fully Very Fine, but eagle very weakly and flatly struck. Really scarce, but 14,813 minted. About equal to the Wharton, Memorable, Melish lots, and somewhat finer than the G. H. Hall, W.G.C., Dr. Green, ANA '49 and Menjou specimens. Ex "Lee," lot 1378.
- 442 1860 "D". Small D, re-engraved at base. Extremely Fine, and a beauty, despite a slight reverse rim bruise of little consequence. Underrated, like all these limited-mintage "C" and "D" coins, particularly so choice; 14,635 struck. Ex "Lee," lot 1402. Valued to \$35.00.
- 443 1860 "S". Barely Very Fine, cleaner than most. Limited coinage of 21,200 pieces. Better than the G. H. Hall, W.G.C. and many other coins. Ex "Lee," lot 1428.
- 444 1861. Just about Extremely Fine. Clean, except for a minute reverse rim nick. Dunham's was only Fine!



- 445 **1863.** Fine to Very Fine. In need of cleaning, and with a few minor obverse flaws, but not a bad coin. Very rare, only 2,472 minted (which may mean 2,450 business strikes and 22 proofs). Twelve years ago, the far worse G. H. Hall example brought \$40., while the Menjou VF was estimated at \$42.50 and brought \$45. in 1950. This date is offered so seldom that it is bound to be underrated—**there is not enough opportunity for some dealers to tout it up as a rarity.** If evidence of that is desired, we can point to not less than eight appearances of the 1858 Eagle (in circulated condition) publicly in the last sixteen years (excluding alterations offered as genuine). During the same period, three used 1863 Half Eagles appeared. Wise collectors will be advised accordingly!
- 446 **1868 "S".** Extremely Fine. The reverse from a worn, buckled and cracked die. Brilliantly lustrous, and comparatively clean. Superior to anything offered in years. The VF W.G.C. coin brought its full estimate of \$25., Menjou's was only Good, Melish's a scratched VF (which still realized \$19.), etc. A true "sleeper" in decent condition.
- 447 **1869.** Mostly **brilliant Proof.** Choice, except that a piece of thread was left in the reverse die before the planchet was fed into the press; the resulting line extends all the way across the reverse. This is, in the strictest sense of the term, a manufacturing defect, the way the coin was made at Philadelphia. A very rare date in any condition, as only 1,760 business strikes and 25 proofs were coined. Initially in the J. F. Bell collection at \$135., later "Lee" 1292. One of the most interesting coins in the entire Eliasberg offering; valued to \$175.00. **Plate**
- 448 **1871 "S".** Re-engraved date. Very Fine or better; with the usual bag marks, here very small. The mintage exactly 25,000 coins. Superior to Menjou's, F-VF, at \$21. None in G. H. Hall, Wharton, Golden Jubilee or Peake. From Bell, lot 542 as "Extremely Fine," and "Lee," lot 1436 (same grading). Unappreciated choice!
- 449 **1871 "CC".** Just Very Fine; sharp everywhere except upon eagle's neck. Just 20,770 pieces made. Comparable to the W.G.C. lot which brought its full \$27.50 estimate. Melish's went at \$28., and it was not as nice as this. Ex "Lee," lot 1405.
- 450 Another 1871 "CC". Strictly Good. Clean, even wear; no other blemish. The Menjou coin, in similar shape, brought all of \$21.00.
- 451 **1873 "CC".** Very Good to Fine. Exceptionally clean appearing, even considering a light scratch upon Liberty's neck. A very rare mintmark; the second rarest Carson City Half Eagle with only 7,416 impressions taken. Seldom offered; valued to \$25.00.
- 452 **1874 "S".** Just barely Very Fine; lower half of S weak (mintmark obliquely punched into the die). While we note that exactly 16,000 were coined, this is a major "sleeper." Although the VF W.G.C. and Atwater lots were on a par with this coin, the Dr. Green and Menjou pieces were only VG. We have hunted high and low for other records, and find that the Dunham, Flanagan, Hall, Wharton, Mason Williams (1947), Memorable, Golden Jubilee, Davis-Graves, Peake, Baldenhofer and Melish offerings all lacked this mintmark. Ex "Lee," lot 1438. Worth a good price!
- 453 **1874 "CC".** Fine/VF. Possibly the obverse is better than Fine, but it is hard to see where weak striking leaves off and wear begins. Limited mintage; often found worn. The Dunham coin was Fine, Dr. Green's Good, Menjou's VG. Ex "Lee," lot 1408.
- 454 **1875 "S".** Lower part of motto ribbon gone (die weakly cut). Very Fine and sharp, but with several serious obv. nicks. Very low emission of only 9,000 pieces. The Menjou and Melish lots only VG; lacking in most of the big sales. Ex "Lee," lot 1439. Rare.
- 455 **1876 "CC".** Very Fine. Clean, except for a few obverse handling marks, the most prominent upon Liberty's upper lip. By far the rarest "CC" Half Eagle in terms of numbers made, the issue consisting of only 6,887 coins. Purchased from Schulman in July, 1943; later, "Lee" 1410 as "Extremely Fine." The Melish specimen commanded \$36. against a \$32.50 estimate, one of the few lots in Indianapolis to exceed its touted valuation.
- 456 **1877.** Extremely Fine, but extensively bag nicked. Polished to resemble a proof. Very seldom seen except in proof, for the good reason that only 1,132 (and 20 proofs) were struck. Ex "Lee," lot 1300. Potentially a three figure coin—at least 750 times as rare as the Cent of this year!

- 457 **1877 "CC"**. Very Fine. A bright, clean coin, almost completely free of blemishes. The fourth rarest Carson City Half Eagle with a low coinage of only 8,680 pieces. Better than the Hall, Wharton, Dr. Green, Menjou lots; none in Memorable, Golden Jubilee or Melish. Ex "Lee," lot 1411; probably Dunham 2153. Worth the \$36. we obtained for Dr. Peake's specimen.
- 458 1878. Strictly Very Fine. Not in the E. M. Wharton, Peake sales.
- 459 1879. Mouth open—a feature we have not noticed before. Very Fine, a few pinpoint obverse nicks.
- 460 1879 "S". Fine, though oddly with considerable brilliance.
- 461 **1879 "CC"**. Not quite Very Fine, but exceptionally free from mishandling. Limited mintage of 17,281. The VF W.G.C. example fetched \$27.50 in 1946. Valued to \$30. today.
- 462 1880. Fully Very Fine and choice.
- 463 1880 "S". Solid S; first seen so (die defective at mintmark). Better than VF, highly lustrous. Interesting and desirable!
- 464 1881. Just about Ex. Fine. With nearly full mint lustre, but showing some granular defects (as made) and bag marks.
- 465 1881 "S". Very Fine; some indications of handling.
- 466 1882. Better than VF in sharpness and lustre, but with an obverse rim nick, plus other, less important bag marks.
- 467 1882 "S". Choice Uncirculated. Unfortunately, a second look reveals a scratch-like abrasion mark across Liberty's cheek. Valued at \$17.50.
- 468 1882 "CC". Very Good or so; obverse edge bruise. Ex "Lee," lot 1416.
- 469 1883. Very Fine and choice. Ex "Lee," lot 1306.
- 470 **1883 "CC"**. Close to Very Fine, but with a reverse edge dent of little importance. Very scarce, with a low coinage of 12,958. Comparable to the W.G.C. specimen which sold for \$30. on a \$25. estimate. Donlon's was only VG; none in Wharton, Golden Jubilee or Peake. Ex "Lee," lot 1417.
- 471 1884. Strictly Very Fine. In demand, as are all clean Liberty head Half Eagles.
- 472 1884 "S". Extremely Fine. Desirable, in spite of a pinpoint nick upon Liberty's nose. The W.G.C., Menjou and both Melish lots were inferior; lacking in Mason Williams, Davis-Graves, Baldenhofer.
- 473 **1884 "CC"**. Shade from Very Fine, reverse rim nick. Mintage of 16,402 pieces. Ex "Lee," lot 1418. The Peake coin, just VF, brought \$20.00.
- 474 1885. Very Fine or better. Lustrous; light abrasion nick in the r. obverse field. Ex "Lee" 1308.
- 475 1885 "S". Not quite full Uncirculated; lustrous, traces of (removable) dirt. The Mint State W.G.C. lot brought \$26. on a \$22.50 estimate eleven years ago. Ex "Lee" 1449; probably Dunham 2164.
- 476 1886. Very Fine. Few minor obv. surface nicks, slightly mishandled at E of AMERICA upon the reverse.
- 477 1886 "S". Just about Unc., with a frosty, satin-like lustre. Bruised slightly upon the upper reverse rim, apparently during manufacture. A brilliant, desirable beauty, second in our experience only to the Peake coin.
- 478 **1887**. Lightly toned, although **brilliant Proof. Only 87 struck**, all proofs! While not impaired in the usual sense of the word, this piece does show evidence (under a glass) of contact with one or two other coins. A very important U.S. item, having one of the lowest recorded coinages for a date, regardless of denomination. Purchased from dealer Schulman, about fourteen years ago, for \$350. Moderately priced (compared to many fictitious rarities) in the Guidebook at \$400.00. **Plate**
- The Mehl Dunham catalog mentions a record at private sale of \$500. for the 1887 Half Eagle, circa 1930, presumably to either W. C. Newcomer or Col. Green. Since 1944 when the Flanagan and Bell examples realized \$350. and \$355. respectively, the 1887 Half Eagle has not fluctuated greatly in price, the low levels being reached during the adjustment period following the numismatic boom occasioned by World War II. The following sale records are indicative: W.G.C., \$315.; Atwater, \$360. (1946); Memorable, \$245. (1948); Dr. Green, \$337.50 (1949); Menjou, \$265. (1950); Baldenhofer, poorly cleaned proof, \$325. (1955); Melish, \$350. (1956). Strangely enough, the record auction figure during this period was reached by the Kern, Golden Jubilee example, which sold for \$375. a month before the Menjou offering, testifying to Mr. Mehl's merchandising skill and/or luck.
- 479 1887 "S". Very Fine. Superior to the Dr. Green, Davis-Graves lots, among others.
- 480 1888 "S". Fine plus. None in Wharton, Golden Jubilee, Peake.
- 481 **1889. Brilliant Proof**. With a few granular flaws (as made) and handling marks upon the obverse, but definitely better than the 1887 above. There were 7,520 business strikes and 45 proofs made of this date, putting the latter in a class with 1867 and 1876. Seldom offered in proof (we could only



- locate five records subsequent to the Dunham offering), this date is very much underrated so, being for instance, almost twice as rare as 1890 which lists at \$100. in proof. From the Bell collection, later "Lee" 1313. **Plate**
- 482 1890 "CC". Somewhat better than Fine, but with a sharp obverse rim nick. Ex "Lee," lot 1419.
- 483 1891. Strictly Very Fine, some reverse dirt. Limited emission of 61,360 pieces.
- 484 1891 "CC". Fine plus. Recently cleaned, some evidence of contact with other coins at the rims. Records to \$18. so!
- 485 1892. Mostly brilliant and frosty Unc. Considerable tarnish at borders, associated with granular defects evidently inherent in the peculiar gold used during the 1880-1907 period. Peake's, estimated at \$25., fetched \$17.00.
- 486 1892 "S". Fine or better; minute nick in Liberty's hair. Ex "Lee" 1452 as VF.
- 487 1892 "CC". Re-engraved mintmark. Very Fine, but extensively bag marked about the rim and border upon either side. Ex "Lee" 1421. Scarce and popular!
- 488 **1893. Brilliant Proof.** Not quite in the Superb category, but a nice coin. Only 77 proofs struck. The Melish piece, estimated at \$100., brought \$85. Ex "Lee," lot 1317; probably also from Dunham.
- 489 1893 "S". Very Fine or better. A well defined abrasion mark above Liberty's head (where another coin fell against this one). Far better than the Golden Jubilee lot, among others.
- 490 1893 "CC". Last year of issue. VF/EF, sharp and lustrous. A tiny nick in the r. obverse field, some rim impairment, mainly at the bottom of the obverse. Comparable to the W.G.C. piece at \$23. Peake's VF was cleaned, and realized \$21. Ex "Lee," lot 1422.
- 491 **1894. Choice, mostly brilliant Proof.** Not quite perfectly struck up, but free of appreciable blemishes. Slightly scarcer than the 1893, as 75 proof impressions were taken from the dies. Superior to the abraded Dunham specimen. The Melish coin slept at \$72.50. Ex "Lee" 1318.
- 492 1894 "O". Last year for the type. Almost Unc. Brilliant, but handled; a second look reveals numerous infinitesimal bag marks and a faint reverse edge bruise. Only 16,600 minted. This one better than the W.G.C., Atwater, Memorable, Dr. Green, Menjou, Melish and Donlon coins. Valued to \$30.00.
- 493 1895. Very Fine.
- 494 1895 "S". Fine to VF; slight reverse rim nick. The Golden Jubilee sale had a VG one.
- 495 1896. Extremely Fine. Somewhat lustrous, relatively clean. This Philadelphia date has a small coinage of 58,960 pieces—except for 1909 "O", the lowest between 1895 and 1929. Rare, beyond peradventure.
- 496 1897. Very Fine plus. Some indications of handling, a reverse edge bruise.
- 497 1897 "S". Just Very Fine. None in Peake. Ex "Lee" 1457.
- 498 1898. Better than VF and sharp, but plainly bag marked. Superior to Menjou's, among others.
- 499 1898 "S". Not quite Very Fine.
- 500 1899. Marked EF, this one has full mint brilliance, a minor obverse rim bruise. We have seen worse offered as "Unc." Decidedly above average!
- 501 1899 "S". Extremely Fine and lustrous, but abraded in three spots upon the obverse. The W.G.C. lot was only VF, Menjou's Fine.
- 502 1900. Re-engraved date. Very Fine plus, a very few bag marks.
- 503 1900 "S". Fine to VF; even wear, no impairment. The W.G.C., Atwater, Dr. Green, Menjou pieces were not much better.
- 504 1901. First 1 re-engraved. Better than Very Fine, lustrous.
- 505 1901 "S". Strictly Very Fine. Somewhat abraded upon the obv. rim, but otherwise cleaner than most. Seldom found better!
- 506 1902. A thin hair's breadth from perfect Unc. Bright and clean. Worth \$15. at least.
- 507 1902 "S". Extremely Fine. Attractive, but with the usual mint and other abrasions. The Mason Williams coin VF, Dr. Green's only Fine.
- 508 1903. Close to Unc. Choice, with uniform mint frost. Hardly common; comparable to the Peake lot which was a sleeper at \$15.00.
- 509 1903 "S". Just about Extremely Fine. Ex Bebee.
- 510 **1904. Bright, generally flawless Proof.** With two or three minute granular defects (as made) and carbon spots, but far superior to the cleaned and otherwise impaired pieces repeatedly offered. Melish's brought \$70., although it, like this one, is worth nearer its \$95. estimate. Ex "Lee" 1328.
- 511 **1904 "S".** Extremely Fine or better, comparatively clean. A really rare mint-mark, the issue limited to 97,000 coins. This is the second finest we have

- seen, surpassed only by the Dr. Peake example at \$105. For reference, the W.G.C. had a scratched VF specimen; Dr. Green's was only Fine, and also scratched; the Golden Jubilee lot was called "About Fine." The Melish-Memorable coin was VF; Dunham, Wharton, Donlon had none. Well worth \$75.00.
- 512 1905. Brilliant Unc. With slight evidence of handling, particularly upon the lower reverse. Uncommon and unappreciated.
- 513 1905 "S". Barely Very Fine. Scraped upon the obverse rim.
- 514 1906. Brilliant, frosty Unc. This one would be hard to duplicate at \$20.00.
- 515 1906 "S". Not quite Very Fine, minor reverse edge dent.
- 516 1906 "D". First year of coinage from Denver. Better than Ex. Fine, but with a noticeable abrasion mark upon the obverse rim. Popular!
- 517 1907. Abt. Unc. Practically full mint lustre.
- 518 1907 "D". Second and last Denver Liberty head. Very Fine or so, rather dull. Still, equal to Atwater's.
- 519 1908. Liberty head; last year of the type. Extremely Fine and choice. Decidedly underrated; does not appear in sales nearly as often as one might expect from the mintage—(were some of them melted?).
- 520 1908. Indian head type. Fine or so, evenly worn.
- 521 1909. Close to Ex. Fine. Menjou's was no better!
- 522 **1909 "O"**. Strictly Very Fine. Not a particularly bold strike, though the all-important mintmark is clear. This is the absolute twin of the Kern, Golden Jubilee coin at \$132.50; the Texas dealer has claimed records to \$275. for similar examples. Because many of the specimens offered since 1945 were of questionable authenticity, the market for this rarity has dropped. Of course, the present piece is genuine and unconditionally guaranteed.
- 523 1909 "S". Not quite Very Fine, unusually clean. Perhaps a weakly struck VF plus, but we are deliberately conservative. Scarce, and well worth \$20.00.
- 524 1909 "D". Mostly Ex. Fine and lustrous. The obverse especially choice. Better than the Dr. Green or Menjou lots; none in the great W. C. Atwater coll.
- 525 1910. Very Fine. Still attractive, some lustre remaining.
- 526 1910 "S". Barely Very Fine, signs of contact with other coins. The W.G.C., Golden Jubilee, Melish coins were not appreciably better; this mintmark lacking in the Dr. Green, Davis-Graves offerings.
- 527 1910 "D". Close to VF, like the last. Superior to the Kern, Peake specimens. Harder to find choice, like most of these, than generally supposed.
- 528 1911. Likewise Very Fine or so.
- 529 1911 "S". Fine to VF; mintmark weak as often found on this date. Dr. Green's was worse.
- 530 1911 "D". Strictly Very Fine. Mintmark also weak, but a nice, clean coin. Definitely a "sleeper," as only 72,500 were made. None in Atwater, Davis-Graves, or many other fine collections. Ridiculously priced in the Guidebook at \$35. Uncirculated; we have never seen one so.
- 531 1912. Close to Ex. Fine, but with two or three scratches in the upper r. reverse field.
- 532 1912 "S". Very Fine to EF; lustrous, although showing signs of handling, especially upon the reverse. The W.G.C., Menjou lots were only VF; Golden Jubilee had none. Ex "Lee" 1471.
- 533 1913. Extremely Fine. Bright with original lustre, but the reverse displaying mint abrasions. A date that hardly ever comes perfect.
- 534 1913 "S". Not quite Extremely Fine; flat S. Dr. Green had only a Fine one, the Mason Williams, Davis-Graves, Baldenhofer, Melish coins were VF. Apparently rare; lacking in W.G.C., Atwater, Golden Jubilee and Peake—to collectors in the know, that means a good deal. Ex "Lee" 1472.
- 535 1914. Choice Unc. A frosty beauty, despite several reverse bag marks, traces of friction upon the top of the eagle's l. wing. Well worth \$15.00.
- 536 1914 "S". Very Fine or so, the mintmark weak and flat, as on most of these. In spite of two light rev. scratches, comparable to the W.G.C., Menjou and Golden Jubilee pieces.
- 537 1914 "D". Last year of issue. About Unc., a minimum of handling marks. Hard to find with mint lustre, and unappreciated like most of these Pratt designed Half Eagles.
- 538 1915. Very Fine plus. Slightly better than Menjou's.
- 539 1915 "S". About Very Fine, few handling nicks. Limited mintage. Equal to the W.G.C., Menjou, Melish examples. Ex "Lee" 1474.



- 540 1916 "S". Last year from San Francisco. Very Fine or better; extensively, though lightly, bag marked. The mintmark hardly visible as usual. "Considered rather scarce"—Peake catalog.

### THREE DOLLARS GOLD

- 541 1854. Small DOLLARS; popular first year of issue and only date of this type. About Unc. Brilliant, but a weak, flat strike; the reverse evidently cleaned long ago. Bringing \$42.50 so.
- 542 **1854 "D"**. A tragedy! This VF coin, one of the boldest strikes we have seen of this rare mintmark, unfortunately has had a loop carelessly removed. The planchet slightly bent above TE of STATES, directly below the D upon the reverse; evidence of dark solder remaining. Still desirable, considering the small coinage of 1,120 pieces, and the possibility of careful restoration. Ex "Lee," lot 1166.
- 543 1854 "O". Very Fine plus; a rather poor strike from a heavily cracked rev. die. Clean, except for a slight scrape upon the obv. rim, a reverse rim nick of no consequence. The only gold coin from New Orleans of this denomination; like the last, an important "type."
- 544 1855. First year with large DOLLARS. Fine or better. The reverse displays light scraping upon the high spots. Danlan's brought \$32. Fine.
- 545 1856. Extremely Fine, lustrous. Better than those offered in the Dr. Green sale, Davis-Graves, Donlan's coll.
- 546 1856 "S". Medium S. This is the variety often sold in error as the rare small S, and sometimes as the large S (there are actually three sizes). Strictly F/VF, indications of handling. Dunham's was only VG!  
The medium S mintmark is the same size as each S in STATES; the large S mintmark, a trifle larger than the S in DOLLARS.
- 547 1856 "S". The very rare small S variety. Very Good to Fine, cleaner than most coins of that grade.  
The small S is about half the size of the large, and little more than half the size of the medium. It is compact and a shade over half the height of the S in DOLLARS or 6 in date, perhaps 1/32" tall.
- 548 1857. Very Fine average. Valued at \$35. Not many offered have been finer. "H. R. Lee," 1172.
- 549 1857 "S". Large S. Fine to VF, one or two minute border defects. From the Bell sale, lot 273.
- 550 **1858**. Better than Ex. Fine; considerable proof-like lustre, numerous infinitesimal abrasion marks. Coinage limited to 2,133 pieces. Considerably better than the specimens in the Dunham, Wharton, Bortiglio (ANA 1947), Mason Williams, ANA '48, Dr. Green, ANA '49, Kern, Menjou auctions. Also chancier than the Melish coin which was EF and cleaned to death, but which realized \$125. against a \$175. estimate. Ex "H. R. Lee" sale, lot 1174, as "Brilliant Uncirculated." **Plate**
- 551 1859. Re-engraved 1 and 9 (the commoner of two varieties). A shade from full Mint State; frosty, highly lustrous surface. Seldom found so choice!
- 552 1859. The 18 in date re-engraved (much rarer than last). Mostly Very Fine.
- 553 1860. Very Fine, minor reverse rim abrasion. Twice as rare as 1859, and half as frequently offered.  
Some 7,036 of these were struck in January, 1860, the odd 36 impressions undoubtedly proofs. Finally, an additional 119 pieces were made in April, '60—and that is all.
- 554 1861. Fine or better. Unimportant evidence of obverse handling. Very limited mintage of 6,072 (were the odd 22 proofs?). Rather infrequently offered in any condition.
- 555 1862. Very Good, some claims to Fine. Polished; reverse edge nick. Rare, but 5,785 made.
- 556 **1863**. Uniformly toned, although **brilliant Proof**. Of the 39 proofs believed struck in this difficult war year, we have located but four (in museums). The only proof publicly offered in recent memory was the W.G.C.-Memorable lot, which may be this very coin from the John Zug stock. RRR. **Plate**  
In trying to find records for 1863 in proof we tabulated about sixteen listings. These included six (probably not over four different examples) called Unc., two AU, three EF, the remainder VG to VF.
- 557 **1867**. Very Fine. Attractive, but with a couple of minute surface digs upon the obverse under A of STATES. Only 2,600 regularly coined, and one of the more difficult dates to locate nice. Atwater's was Fine but bent, the "Lee" coin "About Very Fine."

- 558 1868. Almost Ex. Fine, retaining much proof lustre; possibly originally made as a proof. The only serious handling mark upon the reverse rim. Just 4,875 struck in all; underrated, as are almost all of these.
- 559 **1870.** Not quite EF; very much like the last, even to the reverse rim defect. Another rare date, as only 3,500 plus 35 proofs were made. This is similar to Melish's impaired proof at \$92., but lacks some of the brilliance.
- 560 1874. Extremely Fine or better; hardly visible pinpoint obv. border nick. Originally from John Zug.
- 561 1878. Choice Unc. Unevenly struck, comparatively clean. Donlon's similar example went for \$46., a world's record for this common date.

### The Extremely Rare 1881 Three Dollars

- 562 **1881.** A partly brilliant Proof which was allowed to get into circulation for a very short time. Its imperfections consist of superficial field marks, too small and shallow to enumerate or describe properly. Of extreme rarity, the **total coinage 554 pieces**, 54 of which were proofs. Ex "Lee," lot 1198 (estimated at \$100.), originally from one of the Hollinbeck sales as "Brill. Proof." By far the rarest date of which nonproofs were minted, it is also one of the hardest to find perfect. **Plate**
- 563 1888. Brilliant Unc. Reddish tarnish about the obverse border. Exactly 5,000 business strikes manufactured. Worth the full Guidebook valuation of \$60.00.
- 564 **1889.** Last year of issue. Generally **brilliant Proof**; choice, despite a tiny mark upon the rev. where lint remained in the die (when made). Small mintage, just 2,300 regulars, 129 proofs. Underrated date; records in proof to \$122.00.

### QUARTER EAGLES

- 565 **1797.** Stars 7 x 6, as on 1805, 06/5, 07, and no others. Only one variety of the date. Clapp 1; Newcomer 674. **Nearly R-7.** Long die crack before Liberty's face as on all specimens of this date yet seen. Extremely Fine, although weakly struck in centers, upon a granular, "adjusted" flan from lint ridden dies. Lightly scratched upon the obv., the rev. rim displaying a few minor nicks. Still, decidedly superior to the Menjou and Melish coins. **Just 427 coined**; this one compares well with the W.G.C. example at \$450. in 1946. Ex "Lee" sale, lot 986. **Plate**
- 566 **1798. Stars 6 x 7, on this date only.** Reverse die with four berries upon olive branch. C-1; N-675. **Rarity 6; only 614 coined.** Strictly Very Fine, relatively clean surfaced. With faint adjustment marks in the center of the reverse; slightly defective and/or impaired at the right rim upon either side. Equal to the W.G.C. lot, number 82, at \$200. Ex John H. Clapp coll. for \$100., a good many years ago. **Plate**  
This is the first variety of the date. Numerals are closely spaced, 8 away from bust, Y close to star; four reverse berries, one impaled upon a leaf point—the dies of Melish 1101-2. The other variety, with five reverse berries, as on 1802-07 coins, is in the next lot.
- 567 **1798.** Reverse die with **five berries upon olive branch.** C-2; N-676. **Rarity 7, borderline R-8; only 480 coined**, all in 1799. Very Fine or better, not brilliant, but a bold strike, free of obvious defects and blemishes. This is only the second specimen ever to come up at auction properly described. It was lot 47 in Mehl's 1922 Ten Eyck sale, later Melish 1103. A "type" coin, far rarer than either of the 1796's, 97 or 1808; not over four known to us at present. **Plate**
- 568 **1802/1.** Stars 8 x 5. Rev. Leaf joins right half of base of 1. C-1; N-677. Possibly R-5; only 3,035 coined. While weak at the center of the reverse (as usual), this is better than the conventional Very Fine, with clean, even wear; the only visible flaw a tiny nick upon the reverse rim. Superior to the Atwater, Graves lots, among others; not often seen appreciably better. Ex "Lee" 988. **Plate**
- 569 **1821.** New type: Reduced size, undraped bust left; small head, as on 1824-27 coins. Only one variety of the date. Rarity 5; only 6,448 coined. Very Fine or better, but with a few small nicks and a deep dig above Liberty's head. Ex "Lee" 995. Can possibly be restored. **Plate**
- 570 **1824/1.** Plain overdate; just the single variety. Rarity 4, possibly R-5; only 2,600 coined. Barely Very Fine, a flat strike as commonly seen on this year; microscopically nicked. The Melish example, Ex. Fine but scratched up, was bid up to \$100. Ex "Lee" 996. A much underrated date. **Plate**
- 571 **1826/5.** Large stars as in 1827; just the single variety. **High rarity 6; only 760 coined.** Extremely Fine, with much original proof-like lustre, a sharp,



vivid impression. Neatly centered and definitely attractive, but careful examination reveals several minute handling nicks and scratches. Comparable to the Judge Gaskill piece in our last sale at \$245. Likewise on a par with the Dunham, Atwater, Kern and Menjou offerings (which probably represented only three different coins). More desirable than the extensively scratched Melish lot for \$225. From the Mehl sold Curtis coll. (Jan. 1942), later "Lee" 998. The high records for this year, William B. Hale (Mehl, 1939) \$315., Bell \$350., Kern \$315., are above what the coin has been bringing of late, but will appear low when collectors take seriously the tiny mintages. At least one hundred times rarer than a 1936 Proof Set! **Plate**

- 572 **1827.** Similar to last, with the same reverse die; just the single variety. Rarity 4, possibly R-5; only 2,800 coined. Fine to Very Fine, the obverse weakly and flatly struck. Evenly centered; a few minor handling nicks, mostly pinpoint in size and almost all upon the obverse. Ex "Lee" 999 as "Strictly Very Fine." Cheap at \$125.00. **Plate**
- 573 **1829.** New type, with beaded border within raised rim; Kneass's improved design, as on the Half Dimes, Dimes and late Half Eagles of this year. Only one variety of the date. High rarity 4 (as a date); only 3,404 coined (in all). Brilliant, but slightly imperfect **Proof**. This coin, which retains practically its full original surface, got into circulation just long enough to acquire slight rubbing in the fields, faint evidence of contact with other coins, one or two infinitesimal nicks upon the high obverse border. Rarity 7 as a proof. Besides this piece and the impaired Winsor-Gaskill example, we can trace but three others: Eliasberg, W.G.C.-Memorable, Menjou (impaired), or only five specimens in all. Ex "Lee" 1000 as "A beautiful Brilliant proof with high wire edge, just like it left the mint." **Plate**
- 574 **1833.** Imperfect 3's in date; just the single variety. Rarity 4; only 4,160 coined. About Unc. With full mint sharpness, but evidently once cleaned. We note several small rim and border nicks, mainly upon the obverse, of little consequence. For same reason, infrequently found choice; this one better than the EF Lawson (ANA 1947) and Melish coins, far superior to the Masan Williams, Menjou, Gaskill lots, plus six or seven others, VF or worse. Ex "Lee" 1004. **Plate**

### The Excessively Rare Quarter Eagle of 1834 With Motto

- 575 **1834. With Motto.** Reverse same as an 1830-33; date punches as on the "Small 4" Dimes. **Borderline R-7.** A brilliant first-strike, slightly imperfect. Weakly struck at the eagle's r. wing and shield, but with full original sharpness, including many earmarks of a genuine proof. Slightly rubbed in the obverse field, a tiny rim nick at the bottom of the square obverse border. This was item 867 in the Belden E. Roach coll., sold by B. M. Mehl in 1944, where it was described as follows: "Brilliant semi-proof. Originally purchased as a perfect proof. Raised borders. Perfect in every respect. **With the possible exception of the 1841 and 1863 Quarter-Eagles, this is the rarest Quarter-Eagle of the entire series. I know of one specimen which sold for \$850.00 more than ten years ago.**" Later, this piece was "Lee" 1005; apparently it once was in the Ten Eyck coll., as number 64. This is only the second we have handled, being distinctly superior to the A. J. Allen-Gaskill EF lot which we purchased for stock at \$600. An important opportunity, and not one likely to be repeated for some time to come. **Plate**

Mint director Snowden believed that the 4,000 1834 Quarter Eagles of the old type made, were all melted in the year of issue except for a few proofs. While S. H. Chapman, in his D. S. Wilson auction catalog, said "Only six known," we have positively traced three "proofs" (one of them impaired) and at least six non-proofs. (1) The present coin, purchased in the Roach sale, (\$700.); (2) Jenks coll., (\$450.). Atwater sale, EF, (\$400.), believed to be the ANA '49 piece; (3) W.G.C. coll., AU, (\$525.), probably the Memorable lot; (4) Col. Green estate, (\$650.), Kern sale, equal to this one. (\$625.); (5) Menjou or Williams, "semi-proof," (\$340.), undoubtedly Davis-Graves. (\$700.); (6) James Lawson coll.-ANA '47, VF, (\$200.); (7) A. J. Allen-Gaskill, EF, (\$600.); (8) Clapp-Eliasberg coll., proof; (9) Mint coll., proof. The 1834 Quarter Eagle with motto was lacking in the Dunham, Will W. Neil, Dr. Smith and Melish offerings, although those sales were very extensive.

- 576 **1834.** Reduced weight; without motto. First type with small head. C-2; N-700. Lightly impaired and handled "semi-proof." Attractive, the most serious defect a reverse border nick. A distinct type, and a very scarce one, seldom properly described. One so-called brought \$35. "Brill. Unc." in the 1954 Sawicki sale.
- 577 **1834.** The regular large head. C-3; N-702. Very Fine, the obverse extra sharp. Few minute rim or border nicks, most prominent upon the reverse.

- 578 **1836. Head of '34** (Booby head). Obv. Clapp 1, rev. Clapp 5. Fully equal to the Gaskill coin, lot 206 in our Forty-Eighth sale, which was called "Choice Unc. Dullish; unimportant traces of bag handling." Rare, more than ten times so than the next.
- 579 **1836. Head of '35.** The usual type. Fine or better, rather flat struck upon the obverse like many of this date. Ex John H. Clapp.
- 580 **1836. Head of '37.** About Very Fine; nice, clean surface. Same die as the Gaskill coin, lot 208, which brought \$26. Unc. Very scarce, almost rare. The three basic types of 1836 were illustrated in our last (48th) Catalog, the obverses enlarged for clear comparison.
- 581 **1837.** First of only two varieties of the year; the same die as the Unc. one in our previous sale. Very Fine or so. Only 45,080 made. The W.G.C. lot, also VF, commanded \$25. in 1946.
- 582 **1838.** New head, as on 1839/8 Philadelphia coins. Rev. of 1837; (another variety exists with the same obv., diff. reverse). Though bought as Unc. (understandably), this is just an unusually beautiful Ex. Fine. Broad obverse border; nicely struck. The W.G.C.-Memorable example realized \$25., eleven years ago.
- 583 **1838 "C".** First year; mintmark above date, as on 1839 branch mint coins. Strictly Very Fine; the obverse sharp, reverse flat as usual. Odd depression upon Liberty's cheek; a flaw on the obverse border and rim opposite the tenth star. While we note some signs of bag handling upon the reverse, the most serious defect is a tiny dig at the tenth star. Ex "Lee" 1093 as "Extremely Fine." Very scarce.  
There is only one variety of the 1838 "C" Quarter Eagle known. The head is as on the 1839/8 "D", the mintmark was first cut too low and then recut higher.
- 584 **1839/8.** Only the one variety. Close to Extremely Fine, with some lustre. In spite of a few picayune marks upon the obverse, this is a nice little coin. Just 27,021 issued, which is half as many as of the overrated 1911 "D". The EF one in our Forty-Eighth sale brought \$25.00.
- 585 **1839 "O".** First year of issue. Date high and curved; no berry on branch, wide  $\frac{1}{2}$ , small arrows. Reverse die cracked at lower I. Better than Very Fine, but the obverse with a long, hair thin vertical scratch and two pinpoint nicks below the date. Superior to the Donlon coin at \$20.00.
- 586 **1839 "O".** The other variety. Low date in a straight line; a small berry detached from branch, closely spaced  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and large arrows. Reverse die shattered. Very Fine plus, bold and clean. Ex "Lee," lot 1130. Rarer than the variety previously described.  
Only two pairs of dies made; they were sent to N. O. March 14, 1839.
- 587 **1840.** Coronet type. Fine; possibly should be called VF, in terms of the amount of wear, but a very weak, flat strike. Limited coinage of 18,859 pieces. Seldom offered better than VF, if at all.
- 588 **1840 "C".** Mintmark upon reverse, as on all following. Very Fine; sharp, faint traces of lustre. Clean, except for a few, mostly light, reverse rim nicks. Only 12,838 made. The VF Golden Jubilee lot realized \$27.50; we sold the slightly better Gaskill piece for \$30. last November. Ex "Lee" 1095.
- 589 **1840 "O".** While a very weak impression, this coin is absolutely unworn and brilliant, although impaired by a pin scratch or so at the lower I. reverse border. One of the less common "O" mints; 26,200 struck. W.G.C. at \$27.50; Gaskill at \$25.00.
- 590 **1842 "C".** Very close to Unc., but a weak strike, and with a few mint abrasions. Really rare, only 6,737 minted, making this the third rarest Charlotte issue by virtue of the number made, but B. M. Mehl called it the "Rarest Quarter-Eagle of this Mint." One of the three finest specimens we have heard of. We saw the Melish piece, described as "Extremely fine. Cost \$50.00," and thought it VF. It brought \$52.50. For some idea of the true desirability of this lot, read the description of No. 225 in our last sale, where a decidedly inferior one brought all of \$50. From the "Lee" offering, lot 1097, as "Brilliant Uncirculated." Potentially a \$75. item! **Plate**  
For the record, Neil's was VF, the Memorable coin VF, Kern's had a loop removed, Menjou's was only Fine, the Graves item VF.
- 591 **1842 "D".** Double cut 18; first cut too low, then recut properly. Fine to VF, a weak, soft strike. Low coinage of 4,643. None in Neil, Mason Williams, Kern (Golden Jubilee). Ex "Lee" 1113, there called VF. Decidedly rare, worth \$35.00.
- 592 **1843 "D".** Small date, small mintmark (also comes with large D, e.g. Neil 2510, and reportedly also with a large date). Strictly Very Fine. Better than the T. J. Clarke lot at \$20.00. Uncommon.



- 593 1843 "O". Small date. Marked "EF", this lot is fully Very Fine, the reverse weak. We sold Gaskill's, not appreciably better, for \$18.00.
- 594 **1843 "O". Large date.** Recut mintmark. Very Fine; lightly struck, clean surfaces. Very much unappreciated; Dunham and Atwater, for instance, had none. **At least five times as rare as the small date type.**
- 595 **1844 "D".** A very difficult coin to grade. The head and eagle have the sharpness of Fine, while the date, stars, letters are nearer EF. A weakly impressed item, showing some mint brilliance. Clean, except for a border nick upon either side, two or three minor reverse marks. At any rate, Dunham, Roach, Atwater, Mason Williams, Menjou and Dr. Smith all had inferior examples.
- 596 1845. Reverse die cracked. Almost Very Fine, somewhat mishandled. Ex Mehl at \$12.50, years ago.
- 597 **1845 "D".** Better than Ex. Fine, fully lustrous. Far, far superior to the Melish or Gaskill coins, and to (among others) those in the Hall, Wharton, Dr. Green and Menjou offerings. Worth \$30.-35., under the circumstances!
- 598 1846 "O". Last two numerals in date crudely cut. Very Fine, bright but a flat strike, like the Gaskill lot. Minute reverse rim nick. Seldom found as choice, much less better.
- 599 1847. In date, 1 and 7 touch above; the reverse die cracked down to O in OF. Strictly Very Fine, obtained as EF. A hard year to locate; the EF one in our last sale was bid up to \$35.00.
- 600 1847 "O". Heavy mintmark, crowded against arrow feather and barely touching numerator; die of Melish 1179. Very Fine. A nice, clean coin, weakly struck up at centers; the only serious blemish a reverse rim nick. Ex John H. Clapp.
- 601 1848 "C". Fine to Very Fine. The reverse rim "chewed up" at top right, the planchet a little bent. No trace of solder or other mutilation. Better than it sounds!
- 602 1849. Crudely cut 49 in date. Uncirculated. Brilliant; some evidence of handling, particularly upon the reverse rim. The Melish lot, called Unc., didn't quite make that grade, and brought \$35. None in Dunham; most other sales had only Fine to VF examples.
- 603 1849 "D". Date partially re-engraved. Just about VF; indications of contact with other coins upon the obverse. Small mintage of 10,945 pieces. Menjou's had a loop removed; none in Dunham, Neil, Mason Williams or Donlon. From the Bell sale, lot 216, where it was erroneously described as "About Uncirculated."
- 604 1850. Very Fine or better, apparently struck from rusty dies. The Dunham, Hall, Mason Williams, Dr. Green, Donlon coins were no better; Geiss had none.
- 605 1850 "O". Very Fine and bright, but a very weak strike. Valued to \$13.50.
- 606 1851. Extremely Fine plus, unimportant signs of handling. Above average!
- 607 1851 "O". **"Double date"**—traces of a second date below first, slanting down to right, mostly effaced. First published in our last sale. Very Fine and lustrous, a single pinpoint nick in the right obv. field. Worth \$17.50.
- 608 Duplicate. Same obverse die. Fine, but loop removed. Ex Bluestone, 1/19/42.
- 609 1852. Extremely Fine. With mint bloom, but lightly abraded on rims and/or borders. Ex John H. Clapp.
- 610 1852 "O". Mostly Very Fine, the reverse hardly bold (as on many of these). Also from Clapp.
- 611 1853. The Melish "low date" variety. About Ex. Fine. Ex Mehl.
- 612 1854. Very Fine. Dirty; two obverse pinpoint nicks of no importance.
- 613 **1854 "D".** Better than the conventional Very Fine, nearly EF for coin. A beautiful, highly attractive impression, struck rather weakly as always from defective dies. We have seen just six examples and heard of four others, out of a total coinage of only 1,760. Most of them are decidedly inferior to this one, and the high records have been racked up by coins that were not fully VF: W.G.C. at \$187.50, Graves at \$250., Melish at \$200. (cost \$265.), Gaskill at \$175. Atwater only had a Fine one, the Dr. Green and Menjou lots were called Fine to VF. Ex "Lee," Lot 1125. A top-flight specimen of a very important rarity, well worth \$250.00. **Plate**
- 614 1854 "O". Extremely Fine plus. Highly brilliant, an early strike from the dies. Choice, in spite of a tiny obv. planchet defect between the ninth and tenth stars, a hardly visible reverse rim bruise. Uncommon so!
- 615 1855. Just about Uncirculated, with full original bloom. Trace or so of orange tarnish. Superior to the Dunham, W.G.C., Mason Williams, Dr. Green, Kern, Menjou, Graves, Melish (the best of three) and Donlon coins.

- 616 1856. Small date, as usual. Extremely Fine. Presumably "Lee" 1028. We have never seen the large date variety reported in Stack's G. H. Hall auction, and seriously doubt if it exists.

### The Excessively Rare 1856 "D" Quarter Eagle

- 617 1856 "D". Strictly Very Fine. A coin showing little actual wear and retaining some lustre, but as usual, weakly and flatly struck from rusty dies. Clean, except for two infinitesimal obverse defects, each appearing as the end of a diagonal scratch; one, upon the border, below 6 of date, the other at base of Liberty's bust between curls. **The rarest Quarter Eagle of the Dahlonaga Mint, and one of the rarest of the entire series, with a total emission of only 874 coins.** Equal to, or a shade better than, the Melish piece, estimated at \$400., but which realized \$285. This example from the Gaskill coll., sold in our Forty-Eighth sale for \$300., is herewith reoffered on behalf of a delinquent account. **Plate**
- 618 1856 "O". Just about Fine, though labeled VF. An uncommon date, but 21,100 made.
- 619 1856 "S". Mintmark held between claw and feather. Very Fine or better; some lustre, relatively clean but for a couple of minute planchet defects (like tiny pit marks) in the r. obverse field. Equals Melish's, which originally cost \$27., and that sold for \$22. Superior to those in the G. H. Hall, Menjou, and many other fine collections.
- 620 1856 "S". The other variety: S wedged between feather, D, and fraction bar. Fully Very Fine, a few unimportant abrasion marks upon the obverse rim. Uncommon; this year represents the first San Francisco Quarter Eagle except for the seldom seen 1854.
- 621 1857. Not quite Very Fine. Has had a loop removed; polished, and with a border defect upon either side.
- 622 1857 "S". Mintmark hangs from feather; centered over fraction. Very Fine, the reverse weak as commonly found on many of these early San Francisco issues. Obverse border flaw, small rim bruise.
- 623 1859. Ex. Fine. One or two unimportant reverse rim nicks. Limited mintage of 39,444 pieces. Better than the Geiss, Mason Williams, Menjou and H. P. Graves coins; none in Donlon. A really Unc. example brought its full \$45. estimate in the Melish auction. Ex T. J. Clarke.
- 624 1860. Uncirculated. A lovely coin, showing the faintest signs of a brief sojourn in a bag, including two or three hardly noticeable rim marks. Rather rare; but 22,675 made. Superior to the Dunham, Neil, Kern, Menjou, Graves lots; none in Hall, Geiss, Mason Williams or Donlon, among others. The only other Uncirculated one offered in recent years was in the 1945 Whartan sale. Most other records represent the same small handful of proofs making the rounds.
- 625 1861. Choice Unc. A common date, but hardly common so nice. Ex "Lee" 1033.
- 626 1862. About Very Fine. Once mounted, the evidence on both l. and r. edges; several nicks about the stars, letters and borders, the planchet slightly bent.

### The Excessively Rare 1863 Quarter Eagle

- 627 1863. **Brilliant**, just about "gem" **Proof**. Only a glass reveals three or four places where lint remained in the dies prior to striking. Just 30 impressions taken of this date, all proofs. In addition to this coin, we have located records of eight other sales (representing not over seven different coins, and probably less), since 1946. This agrees well with the usual story that about a dozen examples are now known in all, including those impounded in the Mint, the Eliasberg and a famous midwestern collection, one or two other institutions and at least one estate. This date has private sale records to \$1,650. (Davis-Graves catalog, p. 39), and dealer Kosoff states that he has sold one for \$1,500. at private sale (Melish catalog, p. 57). Ex J. F. Bell auction, December, 1944, at \$1,150.00. **Plate**

The 1863 was one of but four Quarter Eagles lacking in our sale of the Judge Gaskill collection, last November 24th. It was also lacking in such famous offerings as the Dunham, Flanagan, Geiss and Neil auctions, among others.



- 628 1863 "S". Barely Fine, the worn reverse with a tiny nick or so upon its border. Evidently an unconscionably difficult mintmark, rarer than its low mintage of 10,800 would imply. Lacking in many offerings, including the "Lee," Memorable and Dr. Green.
- 629 1865 "S". Date faintly re-engraved; the same reverse die as last, now showing evidence of extensive use. Fully Very Fine. The obverse border with a small defect between the first and second stars; minor signs of handling upon the obverse rim. Really scarce choice, and worth \$25. so.
- 630 1866 "S". Melish's "low date" variety; letter S held between feather and fraction bar. About Very Fine, dull. The obverse die cracked from chin to border. Clean, except for a few reverse rim and border defects. Superior to the Melish coin; not in Geiss, Dr. Green, Donlon. Ex Clapp.
- 631 1867 "S". Wing tip at left and UNITED STATES OF plainly re-engraved. Fine to V. Fine; two reverse handling marks at AM of AMERICA. Menjou's was no better. None in Wharton, Geiss, Memorable, Dr. Green or Donlon. Scarcer than last.
- 632 **1868.** Extremely Fine, cleaner than most. **Only 3,600 business strikes made.** Menjou's was looped, Gaskill's buffed; Mason Williams, Memorable and Donlon had none. Really rare, and seldom offered. Valued to \$27.50.
- 633 1868 "S". Not quite VF, but without noticeable impairments. The Wharton, Mason Williams and Menjou lots were not as choice; Geiss, Dr. Green, Kern and Donlon lacked the mintmark.
- 634 **1869.** About Unc. Brilliant and proof-like. **Only 4,320 business strikes made.** Obtained as perfect for \$33., a few years ago. Certainly much better than the few occasionally offered; this date not in the Hall, Wharton, Geiss, Memorable or Donlon sales.
- 635 1869 "S". Extremely Fine plus, lustrous. Unusually clean and desirable. With two exceptions (one an impaired Unc. coin), all examples offered of this mintmark, within recent years, have been inferior. Unappreciated, as are all of these, and cheap at \$25. so nice.
- 636 1870 "S". Just Extremely Fine. Exactly 16,000 coined. The Neil and Dr. Green specimens were only Fine. The great Atwater collection, Geiss, Mason Williams and Melish sales had but F-VF and Very Fine pieces. Worth \$27.50 or more to a far-sighted buyer!
- 637 **1871.** Extremely Fine and bright. Rare, just 5,320 regularly issued. A "first-strike" realized \$55. in our last sale, almost twice the Guidebook valuation for an Unc. coin.
- 638 1871 "S". Mostly brilliant, frosty Unc. A few minor reverse rim impairments, almost certainly inflicted during manufacture. Exactly 22,000 minted. We sold the Mint State Gaskill specimen for \$41. last year, our description noting that mintmarked gold in this condition is almost impossible to find. Ex Melish.
- 639 **1872.** A brilliant proof-like impression, lightly bag marked. **Only 3,000 business strikes made.** The Menjou, Graves and Melish lots were VF, other auctions contained only proofs. In the latter connection, we sold the Gaskill proof for a record \$230.00.
- 640 1872 "S". Mintmark partly buried in arrow feather. A hair's breadth from Ex. Fine; indications of contact with other coins visible only with a glass. Moderate mintage of exactly 18,000 items. Comparable to lot 636 in appearance and value.
- 641 1873. Very Fine. With an obverse border defect, slight signs of handling.
- 642 **1874.** Very Fine or better. **Only 3,920 business strikes made.** None in the Mason Williams, Green auctions, among others. These can only go up in value, considering the low numbers issued.
- 643 1875 "S". Not quite Very Fine. Just 11,600 struck. The top-notch Gaskill impression went at a high \$47.50 in our last sale.
- 644 **1876.** Extremely Fine or so; a bright "first-strike" with several almost microscopic bag marks. **Only 4,176 business strikes made.** One of the really hard years to locate. G. H. Hall's was only VF, as was Melish's; Donlon's was buffed. Neil had none, most of the name collections had expensive proofs. An Uncirculated one brought \$38.50 in the Dr. Green sale, eight years ago, when gold had slipped from its war time peak.
- 645 **1876 "S".** About Unc. Weakly struck upon the reverse (as always), but fully lustrous. Rare, only 5,000 minted. Therefore, the rarest San Francisco Quarter Eagle next to the impossible first year of issue. This specimen as fine as any we have seen, being superior to the Wharton, W.G.C., Mason Williams,

Memorable, Dr. Green, Kern, Melish, Gaskill and Donlon coins. In our estimation, a \$40.-50 value!

- 646 **1877.** An excellent match for the '76 above but even more valuable. **Only 1,632 business strikes made.** If this lot were from our stock at a retail figure, the asking price would be at least \$65. After all, it is far rarer than the Cent of this year.
- 647 **1877 "S".** Mintmark smaller than on preceding issues; placed to r., between feather and branch. Extremely Fine, uniformly lustrous. Ex "Lee," lot 1158; earlier from a Hollinbeck sale of August, 1941. The Kern specimen, Unc., brought \$31.50 in 1950.
- 648 **1878.** Barely Ex. Fine. Tiny nick upon Liberty's jaw, a round dent-like mark on the eagle's shield. "Lee" 1049.
- 649 **1878 "S".** Dies of Gaskill 336. Strictly Extremely Fine, though marked "Unc." like the last. Ex John H. Clapp.
- 650 **1879.** Very Fine. Lightly mishandled.
- 651 **1879 "S".** Last year from San Francisco. Just about Unc., the brilliant proof-like surface displaying minor evidence of handling. Better than either Melish coin, particularly lot 1299 (from the same dies); the Mason Williams and Graves examples were also inferior. None in G. H. Hall. Valued to \$25.00.
- 652 **1880.** Very Fine plus. With a faint obverse scratch from the back of Liberty's neck towards the border, otherwise clean and bold. **Only 2,960 business strikes made.** Donlon's similar lot, "EF," brought \$30. Underrated even at that figure.

### **The Extremely Rare 1881 Quarter Eagle**

- 653 **1881.** A partly brilliant Proof which got into circulation for a short time, and in the process acquired some minute abrasions. An important opportunity; **only 640 regulars and 51 proofs struck.** This lot is the absolute twin of the Geiss and Kern coins—possibly all three records (including this one) represent but the single example. Much nicer than the VF Gaskill specimen, which realized \$76. Definitely a three figure year in any condition; next to 1841, 63 and 1875, the rarest Philadelphia date without motto. **Plate**
- 654 **1882.** Ex. Fine, though apparently once a proof. **Only 4,000 business strikes made, plus 67 proofs.** Underrated, as are so many of these later date Quarter Eagles.
- 655 **1883.** Also Extremely Fine. This one lightly abraded in the left obverse field. **Only 1,920 business strikes made.** Almost as rare as 1877. The Gaskill piece, surely no better, brought \$41. We sold a Very Fine example to the distinguished dealer from Charlotte, N.C., for \$50. last March.
- 656 **1884.** Brilliant, choice Unc. Not completely perfect, but with a partial wire edge upon either side. **Only 1,950 business strikes made.** As a regularly issued coin, almost exactly as rare as 1883, and like the last, only a trifle less important than 1877. The second Melish lot, which slept at \$57.50, was a hairmarked first-strike, not nearly as nice as this one.
- 657 **1886.** Extremely Fine, uniformly lustrous. Just as rare as 1882: **Only 4,000 business strikes made.** Fewer records EF, than in proof. The similar Gaskill lot went for \$23., against its estimated value of \$25., which was still cheap.
- 658 **1887.** Extremely Fine. A brilliant first-strike with a reverse rim nick. Mintage of 6,160; another difficult date to locate except in proof. Worth \$20.-25.00.
- 659 **1888.** Better than Ex. Fine, with original mint frost. A limited number made, the case with almost all of these. Recent records to \$20.00.
- 660 **1889.** Extremely Fine and brilliant; not well struck up. The Gaskill example, perhaps a shade better, realized \$30. in our November sale.
- 661 **1890.** About Uncirculated. Mostly clean; bright and lustrous. Rarer than the last two dates, but 8,720 non-proofs made. Distinctly better than the Gaskill and Donlon lots, and superior to most business strikes offered since the 1941 Dunham sale.
- 662 **1891.** On the reverse, OF AMERICA is heavily re-engraved. Extremely Fine, obviously once cleaned. Limited coinage of 10,860 regulars. From an early Hollinbeck sale.
- 663 **1892.** Abt. Uncirculated. Lustrous, but showing signs of contact with other coins upon the obverse rim and border. **Only 2,440 business strikes made.** Guide-book at \$40. Unc.
- 664 **1893.** Strictly Ex. Fine, but badly nicked upon the upper reverse rim. Ex "Lee" 1064.



- 665 1894. Just about Unc., a highly desirable early impression from the dies. **Only 4,000 business strikes made.** A very difficult date to find unless in proof. We sold the inferior Gaskill specimen for \$20.; this one should bring more.
- 666 1895. Extremely Fine; few minor rim nicks or marks. Exactly 6,000 pieces made for circulation. These little coins will never be cheaper!
- 667 1896. Brilliant Unc. Mintage of 19,070. Records to \$20. so choice.
- 668 1897. About Unc. Equal to many sold as perfect. Oddly enough, this date missing in our extensive Forty-Eighth sale.
- 669 1898. Strictly Ex. Fine; clean and lustrous. Not in the 1945 Wharton coll.
- 670 1899. Marked "Unc.," this one is Extremely Fine and rather dirty.
- 671 1900. Extremely Fine and brilliant. Picayune handling marks.
- 672 1901. About Unc. Not fully struck up on obverse which has a small border nick.
- 673 1902. Uncirculated, extra brilliant. Cleaner than most, and attractive. "Lee" 1073.
- 674 1903. Choice, frosty Unc. About equal to Gaskill's at \$16. "Lee" 1074.
- 675 1904. Just Very Fine, though lustrous. Bought as "Unc."
- 676 1905. Mostly brilliant Unc. From the 1947 "Lee" sale, lot 1076.
- 677 1906. Almost full Unc., brilliant. Traces of orange tarnish, as on some of these. "Lee" 1077.
- 678 1907. Last year of the type. Uncirculated. Weak, flat strike; with a peculiar border like that seen on some Barber Quarters of the period. "Lee" 1078.
- 679 **Indian head Quarter Eagles.** 1908 and 1912. Abt. VF and Ex. Fine, the last with a partial wire edge upon the obverse. 2 Pcs.
- 680 1909. Better than Ex. Fine, with lustre, though bought as perfect.
- 681 1910. Almost Unc. Obverse brilliant, reverse with a couple of rim nicks visible only under a glass.
- 682 1911. Choice Uncirculated. Seldom found so nice!
- 683 1913 and 1914. Close to VF and Very Fine. 2 Pcs.
- 684 1914 "D" and 1915. Average Extremely Fine. 2 Pcs.
- 685 1925 "D". Brilliant Unc. Excellent for the "type" collector!
- 686 1926. Uncirculated; brilliant and desirable. Well worth \$10. so.
- 687 1927 and 1928. Strictly Ex. Fine. Second with a granular-like flaw under TRUST upon the reverse. 2 Pcs.
- 688 1929. Last year of issue for the denomination. About Unc. Record of \$12. in Mint State, eight years ago, when Dr. Green's coins were sold. Fewer of these were coined, than of the highly touted Half Eagle.

## GOLD DOLLARS

- 689 1849. Type I. **Small head, no L on truncation;** open wreath on reverse. The reverse die cracked across, from E in UNITED to first A in AMERICA. Brilliant, "gem" Unc. Absolutely unimprovable! A very rare type, struck for not over a couple of weeks in May, 1849. Superior to a Brand coin we sold recently for \$65. Very rare and valuable! **Plate**
- 690 1849. Type II. Small head, with L on truncation; open wreath. Barely Very Fine, still retaining considerable proof-like surface. Quite rare, though not as rare as Type I. Evidently coined during the last weeks of May, 1849. Currently unappreciated.
- The obverse of T-II is readily distinguishable from the far commoner Type III by the fact that the coronet point is about midway between two stars, whereas on Type III it is far closer to the star at right.
- 691 1849. Type III. Large head, with L; open wreath. Strictly Unc., with full original frost, but the reverse ever so lightly scratched. **Plate**
- A second look at the reverse of this piece reveals that the E's in STATES and AMERICA have been heavily re-engraved; it is the first we recall from this die.
- 692 1849. Type IV. Head as on T-III; **closed wreath.** Strongly re-engraved date. Brilliant Unc. Close to gem grade, except for a nick upon Liberty's forelock; the reverse truly splendid. Still, superior to specimens in the Dunham, W.G.C., Atwater, Neil, Menjou, Graves and Melish offerings, among many others. Ex Brand.
- A detailed breakdown of the four types of Philadelphia Mint Gold Dollars, as well as information on the branch mint coins, the relative duration of each type and some ideas of rarity, first appeared in our house organ "Numisma," for November-December, 1954, Vol. 1, No. 5.
- 693 1849 "O". First year. Open wreath, corresponding to T-III above, as always. Close to Extremely Fine. Records to \$18. for similar examples.
- 694 1850. Just about Ex. Fine, highly lustrous. Possibly closer to AU, but a weak, flat strike. This date lacking in the Melish offering.
- 695 1851. About Unc. Nicer than the Dunham, W.G.C. and Graves lots.

- 696 1851 "C". Better than Very Fine, extra bold. Tiny flaw upon the obverse border, as made. Limited mintage, but the commonest Charlotte dollar, if any of them can be called common. The slightly superior Melish lot realized \$40.00.
- 697 1851 "O". Extremely Fine plus, highly lustrous. We have seen worse ones sold as "Unc." The Dunham, Graves, Baldenhofer and Melish coins were all only VF. Worth \$16.50.
- 698 1852. Extremely Fine or better, but faintly scratched upon the reverse to the r. of the figure 1.
- 699 1852 "C". Extremely Fine for the coin. Struck from somewhat rusty dies; a minor chip out of the planchet upon the reverse, from stand of 1, through second L and under AR of DOLLAR (as made). Low coinage of 9,434 pieces. Decidedly better than the second Melish lot, or the Dunham (F) and Dr. Green (VF) coins. Ex "Lee" sale, lot 944, where laconically called "Extremely Fine." Cheap at \$50. today!
- 700 1852 "O". Very Fine or better. Reverse sharper than obverse. Not rare, nor especially common.
- 701 1853. Almost Unc. With full mint frost, but showing hardly visible traces of friction. Initially purchased from dealer Mehl as AU, later "Lee" 902 as "Uncirculated."
- 702 1853 "O". Abt. Unc. Dullish, but choice. It would not be too easy to locate a more desirable one. Supposedly cost \$17.50.
- 703 1854. T-I or small size. Extremely Fine. Very bold, though in need of cleaning; the reverse with some signs of handling, light field scratches towards the bottom.
- There were 783,943 of these coined, compared to 855,502 of T-II. In addition, a great many of the smaller coins were melted.
- 704 1854 "S". Small size. Very Fine, but has been buffed to mirrorlike appearance. The reverse border somewhat flattened as made. A first year type coin, the only small San Francisco Mint Gold Dollar. Ex "Lee" 968 as "Extremely fine." The fully EF one in our last sale brought \$50.00.
- 705 1854. T-II; large size, delicate Indian head. Fine obverse letters. Extremely Fine plus, highly lustrous. Two pinpoint dirt spots (removable) upon the obverse. Worth \$18.50 today!
- 706 Similar. Heavy obverse letters. About VF; two or three small digs, the heaviest one in front of Liberty's eye constituting mutilation.
- 707 1855. Extremely Fine, mostly choice. Planchet defective as made, especially at upper part of right wreath; light reverse scratch at top of left wreath. The other and slightly scarcer Philadelphia Mint date of this unappreciated type.
- 708 1855 "C". Close to Extremely Fine, but the usual weak strike; many details of the head not struck up, both L's of DOLLAR and 8 of date practically invisible. The only serious defect a tiny obverse rim nick. Just 9,803 minted; **the only T-II Charlotte coin.** Better than either Melish lot, or those in the Dunham, W.G.C., Neil, Dr. Green-Menjou and Baldenhofer sales. Ex "H. R. Lee" auction, where then estimated at \$55.00.

### The Very Rare 1855 "D" Gold Dollar

- 709 1855 "D". Strictly Very Fine, and nearly Ex. Fine for the coin. The same kind of weak strike as just described for the "C" Mint of this year. Cleaned, but exceptionally bold where struck up; the reverse with numerous striations—evidently die file marks. While careful study with a glass reveals a tiny obverse edge bruise and border nick, plus one or two hardly noticeable reverse rim nicks, this impression is definitely choice. **Only 1,811 issued; the only T-II Dahlonaga coin.** We managed to locate just eight recent records (since 1944), representing not over seven different coins, in addition to this piece. None in Dunham, M. F. Higgy (1943), Memorable, Kern or Baldenhofer, among other important offerings. Ex "Lee" 955, where estimated at \$250., about half what the coin is worth today. The comparable Melish specimen sold for \$460. last year. **Plate**

The characteristic weakness invariably found upon both 1855 "C" and "D" dollars is believed to be the reason for the quick abandonment of the type and the change to T-III in 1856. The head is in too high relief to strike up properly, and it takes too much metal to admit of a clear impression on the parts just opposite—i.e. the L's in DOLLAR and 8 in date.

- 710 1855 "O". Last year. Extremely Fine, lustrous. Above average impression. Rare type; **the only T-II New Orleans coin.** Valued as high as \$35.00.
- 711 1856. T-III; large size, heavy set Indian head. Slanting 5. Extremely Fine, a rather weak strike. Nick-like defect on Liberty's forelock. "Lee" 906 as "Uncirculated."



- 712 Similar. The much rarer type with **Upright 5**. Brilliant Unc. Comparable to the Melish example which displayed strength in the right direction at \$25. Atwater, Dr. Green, Kern, Menjou and Graves had only VF specimens. This is just beginning to come into its own, even though the red book continues to list it at the same price Unc. as the far commoner Slanting 5. In our opinion, well worth \$37.50.

### The Very Rare 1856 "D" Gold Dollar

- 713 **1856 "D"**. Upright 5, as always. Just short of Extremely Fine, with traces of lustre. A blunt strike, and U of UNITED gone (apparently from a defect in the obverse die), both features seen on all examples of this rarity. While the obverse rim is slightly rubbed in one spot, there is no appreciable evidence of mishandling. **Only 1,460 made**, the lowest coinage of the famed 1855 "D", 56 "D" and 1860 "D" trio. None in Dunham, Kern, Graves or Baldenhofer. None reported in Mint State, and it would be very difficult to improve upon this piece. We saw the Melish lot and graded it VF-EF; it brought \$510., and was very similar to the present one. From the "Lee" sale, lot 956; there called "Practically Uncirculated." **Plate**
- 714 1857. Just Very Fine. Dull, though clean. Ex Mehl.
- 715 **1857 "S"**. Fully Very Fine. This and the '58 "S" are tied for second rarest of the San Francisco Gold Dollars with a low mintage of 10,000 coins each. This makes understandable the \$67.50 record chalked up by the first Melish lot, which was perhaps only a shade better. None in Memorable or Kern! Infrequently seen.
- 716 1858. Very Fine. Obviously impaired about the edge and borders. Hardly a common year.
- 717 1859. Date weakly cut into die. Extremely Fine. Decidedly uncommon, more so than the moderate mintage would hint.  
The weak date on this dollar has wide, flat figures as seen upon the Half Dime, and totally unlike those found on the Charlotte, Dahlonega and San Francisco coins of the year.
- 718 **1859 "C"**. Though weakly struck on a very defective, granular planchet, this piece has mint lustre, and should be graded higher than EF. Last and rarest of the "C" Mint Gold Dollars; only 5,235 made, less than in 1850. Far superior to the Melish coin, which brought \$87.50 on a \$75. estimate. Better also than the Dunham, W.G.C., Memorable, Dr. Green, Kern and other specimens offered in recent years. A mintmark with a better future than the (till now) more highly touted 1850 "C". Ex John H. Clapp.
- 719 1859 "S". Old style figures as in 1858, unlike the bold ones used on 1859 Philadelphia coins. Close to Ex. Fine, nicely struck. If anything, more desirable than the Melish lot at \$38. None in Dunham or Kern. A somewhat under-rated item.
- 720 1860. Uncirculated, though hardly of gem quality. Comparatively low mintage of 36,668. Not often seen Unc., this date almost always offered in VF or proof. Valued to \$22.50.

### The Extremely Rare 1860 "D" Gold Dollar

- 721 **1860 "D"**. Extremely Fine or better. Softly struck at the lower left side of the obv., and corresponding area of the reverse, but showing much original lustre. With only the faintest touch of rubbing on the high spots; a minute reverse rim nick. **The total coinage 1,566**, of which but a tiny fraction has survived. The Atwater and Memorable pieces were VF (and probably the same coin); the Dunham-Dr. Green specimen was buffed, while Menjou's had a loop removed. Lacking in the Baldenhofer auction and noticeable by its absence from the extensive Melish offering. This example from the "Lee" sale, lot 960, where it was called "Brilliant Uncirculated with deep wide border." We have seen fewer of this mintmark than of the 1861 "D" (and we just sold one of those for \$700. to a dealer!). **Plate**  
The weakness at lower l. obverse and upper l. reverse border is seen on all specimens of this date and mint, including the W.G.C. coin which was called Unc., but which was not a hair sharper than the piece offered above.
- 722 1861. Extremely Fine. Uneven strike, a few bag marks.
- 723 1862. Close to Abt. Unc. Microscopic indications of handling about the rims.
- 724 **1870**. Almost perfect Unc. A choice early impression with an infinitesimal obverse rim nick. Really rare as a date, but 6,300 regularly issued. The Melish Mint State example also resembled a proof, and sold for \$42.50.

## The Rarest San Francisco Mint Gold Dollar

- 725 **1870 "S"**. The final year. Extremely Fine plus, proof-like in appearance. This is one of sixteen we have traced, referred to in the footnote following lot 900 of our Forty-Eighth catalog, where we sold a slightly superior specimen for \$280. It is free of the abrasions that plagued the Melish lot, and well worth \$250. or more. Ex "Lee," lot 974. **Plate**
- 726 1873. Open 3; with LIBERTY on coronet. Splendid, gorgeous Unc. A \$17.50 item today!
- 727 1873. Open 3; without LIBERTY on coronet. Better than Extremely Fine, brilliant. Scarce.  
This date also exists with a closed 3 resembling an 8; LIBERTY partly gone. It was first observed in January, 1873, when Coiner Snowden complained to the Engraving Department. His memo is still in the National Archives. Subsequent dies remedied the defect of course. The with and without LIBERTY variation was first noticed by W. W. Neil twenty years ago. We discussed this difference in connection with both 1873 and 1874 Gold Dollars in "Numisma," for July-August, 1955, Vol. 2, No. 4.
- 728 1874. With LIBERTY on coronet. A brilliant "first-strike," slightly rubbed upon the high spots and with a minute reverse border nick.
- 729 1874. Without LIBERTY on coronet. Really Unc., but a rather weak strike. In need of a little cleaning, and a glass reveals a hardly noticeable obverse scratch. As mentioned in the aforementioned issue of "Numisma," from what we can ascertain, the dollars without LIBERTY are a little scarcer in 1873, and much commoner in 1874, than the regular type.
- 730 **1878**. Not quite full Uncirculated, two or three minor obverse rim nicks. Rare year; only 3,000 business strikes made. Probably not nearly as bad as Atwater's nicked-up impression from polished dies at \$21.00.
- 731 **1879**. Brilliant "gem" Unc. Another important date, with exactly 3,000 non-proofs coined. At least equal to Melish's at \$28., on a \$27.50 estimate.
- 732 **1881**. Recut 8's. Brilliant Unc., extra choice. Very scarce; limited mintage of 7,620, which is comparable to that of 1866, and lower than that of 1850 "D". Valued at \$22.50.
- 733 **1882**. Choice Unc. Faintest evidence of contact with other coins upon the obverse. Low emission of 5,000 regulars. Less often seen so than in proof!
- 734 1883. Uncirculated; full mint frost. The reverse border slightly imperfect (as made), on the order of the last. Coinage of 10,800 pieces. Rather infrequently offered Unc.
- 735 **1884**. Bright, "gem" first-strike or "semi-proof." There were 5,200 business impressions made in this year, and 1,006 proofs. From the J. F. Bell sale, lot 39, as a "Brilliant Proof."
- 736 1885. Another first-strike. Carelessly made, the borders on either side granular in appearance; a hardly noticeable abrasion mark upon the reverse rim. Coinage of 11,156 pieces. Records over \$20.00.
- 737 **1886**. Normal date. Splendid, almost superb Proof. Should exceed the record of \$33. set in the Melish sale. A beauty!
- 738 1886. **Re-engraved 6**; the other variety. Brilliant Unc., traces of tarnish. Exactly 5,000 coins regularly struck bearing this date.  
Our comments concerning this so-called 1886 "overdate" dollar can be found in the May-June, 1956 issue of "Numisma," Vol. 3, No. 3.
- 739 1887. An exceptional first-strike, superior to many coins sold as proofs! Only 7,500 made, and today there cannot be many to equal this one. Cheap at \$20. so nice!
- 740 1888. Brilliant Unc., with full mint frost. At least equal to the Melish lot at \$35.00.  
There is currently an attempt to "make" this date, the way the 1881 Dime, 1886, 1913, 14 and 1915 Half Dollars in proof (together with several other coins) have been exploited.
- 741 1889. Popular last year of issue. Brilliant Unc., choice. Records to \$11.50.
- 742 **Commemorative Quarter Eagle**. 1926 Sesquicentennial. Lustrous Unc., though with faint indications of handling, as usually seen.
- 743 **Commemorative Gold Dollars**. 1903. Louisiana Purchase Exp. Bust of McKinley. Brilliant Unc.
- 744 1916. McKinley Memorial. Brilliant Unc. Full original mint frost.
- 745 Duplicate. Uncirculated. Almost, but not quite as desirable. Still, nicer than many offered. Bringing \$25.00.
- 746 Similar; 1917. Choice Unc. Worth more than the earlier year, in spite of a larger number issued.

END OF THE FIRST SESSION



## SECOND SESSION

Lots 747 to 1415

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 13, 1957

PROMPTLY AT 6:30 P.M.

### PRIVATE GOLD COINS

- 747 NORTH CAROLINA. **Christopher Bechtler**. (1831-42) **Dollar**. N:CAROLINA. Rev. 30.G, star below. Newcomer 2528. Very Fine for coin, struck a little off center as usual; weak on the reverse as always. Unimportant indications of obverse handling. "Lee" 1877. Records to \$70.00.
- 748 CALIFORNIA. **Norris, Grieg & Norris**, San Francisco. 1849. **Half Eagle**. Recut obverse die, with period after ALLOY. Same die as lot 921 of our last sale, but differs in being struck from regular silver-alloyed gold; **plain edge**. Adams 34. Ex. Fine or better; appreciable proof-like lustre, but with its quota of handling marks (mostly minute), culminating in a small, but deep dig just above the eagle's head. Ex "Lee" 1880, there called "Brilliant Uncirculated" and estimated at \$200.00. **Plate**
- 749 **Baldwin & Co.**, S.F. 1850. **Half Eagle**. A-42. Fine to VF. Extensively nicked, as are so many of these pieces, and showing some mishandling, particularly about the edge. Ex "Lee" 1882. Red book at \$250. Fine. **Plate**
- 750 **Moffat & Co.**, S.F. 1852. **Eagle**. A-16. Liberty head l. Rev. Facing eagle holding ribbon in his beak, arrows, shield and branch in his talons; scroll with fineness above. Very Good. Weakly struck upon the obverse, lightly nicked, and with several sharp handling marks and digs upon either side. Rare coin, and an underrated "type." Ex "Lee" 1898 as "Good." **Plate**  
Moffat & Co. dissolved in Feb., 1852, being reorganized as the U.S. Assay Office of Gold. According to Adams, only \$300,000. or 30,000 pieces of the above described coin were struck, January, 1852.
- 751 **Moffat & Co.** (i.e. Curtis, Perry & Ward.) 1853. **Double Eagle**. A-26. Type of regular U.S. issue. Very Good to Fine; extensively nicked upon the obverse, the reverse with a heavy edge bruise, a few serious nicks. "Lee" 1899.  
Just 75,636 struck, August 1 to October 30, 1853. The reason for the change of type is unknown.
- 752 **United States Assay Office**, S.F. 1852. **Eagle**. 884 THOUS. A-21. Close to Ex. Fine with considerable sharpness and lustre; several small handling marks upon the obverse rim, border and milling, a reverse edge bruise, and lastly, a small "X" scratched in the field at the r. end of the reverse tablet. Ex "Lee" 1900. One in our last auction, on November 24, 1956, sold for a low \$97.50.

### The Very Rare and Popular Wass, Molitor & Co. Round Fifty Dollar Gold Piece

- 753 **Wass, Molitor & Co.**, S.F. 1855. **50 Dollars**. A-55. Head of Liberty to l., surrounded by thirteen large stars, small date below. Rev. Above, SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA around; below, WASS MOLITOR & CO. Denomination 50/DOLLARS within crossed laurel branches; fineness 900 THOUS. on a label in space at top of wreath. A large, thick, heavy and impressive coin with sharply defined edge reeding. This example better than Very Fine, with suggestions of original lustre remaining. Cleaner than many offered, the only serious handling defects are upon the obverse, and these are limited in number. Free from any retooling or artistic "improvement," the common fate of a good many specimens. A Pioneer classic, **the only round Fifty Dollar gold piece that actually performed as a circulating medium in this country**. Originally, lot 149 in the 1924 A. C. Nygren sale by H. Chapman, there called a "splendid example," and purchased on the floor by dealer Guttag. Later from the 1947 "Lee" offering, lot 1895. It would not surprise us if this truly exceptional item managed to bring well over \$2,000. on today's bull market! **Plate**  
The first Wass, Molitor "slugs" were made in April, 1855. However, they were never manufactured in the quantity surmised at by Edgór H. Adams when he studied the series.
- 754 COLORADO. **Clark & Co.**, Denver. 1860. **Quarter Eagle**. Extremely Fine; polished down in two or three spots to obliterate small defects, most notice-

- ably in the field at Liberty's forelock. Ex "Lee" 1886, where called AU, "with full lustre" and valued at \$100.00. **Plate**
- 755 **Clark, Gruber & Co.**, Denver. 1861. **Double Eagle**. On the reverse, V in DENVER cut over an N. Extremely Fine or better, all things considered. Not uniformly struck up, a characteristic of these pieces, but relatively clean and free from signs of abusive use. A trifle sharper than the one illustrated in the 1954-55 Raymond Standard Catalogue; seemingly nicer than the piece shown in the red book. Ex J. F. Bell sale, lot 1031; "Lee" auction, lot 1891. Estimated to \$800. so fine! **Plate**
- 756 Similar. 1861. **Eagle**. Better than Very Fine, although quite weakly struck. Richly toned, the obverse with magenta coloring, apparently from the copper alloy. Highly desirable, in spite of two or three minor reverse abrasion marks. The 1948 Memorable lot, not particularly better, brought \$85. when the gold market was in the doldrums. Ex "Lee" 1890. **Plate**
- 757 Similar. 1861. **Quarter Eagle**. Extremely Fine, but a very weak, flat strike at the centers, as often seen on this denomination. Not as common as once thought, now valued to \$75. in this preservation. **Plate**

### Central and South American Gold Coins

- 758 **Bolivia**. 1845 (over various dates). 1/2 Scudo. Potosi. Laureated head of Bolivar r. Rev. National arms. Second type. Extremely Fine and bold, traces of foreign matter upon the reverse. Priced at \$15. in Raymond's 1937 "The Gold Coins of North and South America."
- 759 **Brazil**. JOHN, PRINCE REGENT. 1808. 4,000 Reis. Rio. Colonial system. Arms. Rev. Cross voided in tressure of four arches. Very Fine to Ex. Fine.
- 760 Similar. 1812. 4,000 Reis. Rio. About Unc., practically full mint brilliance. Rare condition.
- 761 Similar. 1813. 4,000 Reis. Rio. Smaller and thinner; edge of nearly indistinguishable ornaments instead of the usual twin olive leaves. Struck from impaired and rusted dies. Possibly a contemporaneous forgery, though of good gold. Ex. Fine, lustrous. Highly interesting!
- 762 The last of these. 1814. 4,000 Reis. Rio. Very Fine plus. A nice, clean coin with some attractive toning.
- 763 **Chile**. FERDINAND VI. 1760. 8 Scudos or Doubloon. Santiago. Large, armored bust, in low relief, facing r. Rev. Arms and Golden Fleece. Second type. Strictly Very Fine, usual minor indications of handling. Very scarce.
- 764 1839. 1 Scudo. Pallas standing by altar. Rev. Arms, crest and supporters; date below. Third type. Fully Very Fine, the planchet defective (as made) upon the reverse. Light, hardly visible, diagonal reverse scratch. Marked \$25.00.
- 765 1857. 2 Pesos. Similar devices to last. Fifth type. Fine, slightly impaired. In addition, 1896. 10 Pesos. Handsome, draped female bust l., by Roty. Rev. Arms as before; denomination above, date below. Seventh type. Very Fine, two small reverse edge bruises. Last "Lee" 1953, there called rare and estimated at a fanciful \$45.00. 2 Pcs.
- 766 **Colombia**. FERDINAND VII. 1820. 1 Scudo. Santa Fe de Bogota. Bust of Charles IV to r. Rev. Arms and Golden Fleece. Extremely Fine; the obverse weakly struck, some iridescent toning. Very scarce low denomination coin, seldom offered.
- 767 1824. 1 Scudo. REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA. Small, meek bust of Liberty l., date below. Rev. POPAYAN above fasces, bow and three arrows tied between two cornucopias. Strictly Very Fine, some original lustre. Underrated, as last.
- 768 **Costa Rica**. 1849. 1 Scudo. Earlier type as a state in the Republic of Central America; sun and mountains on obverse, denomination divided by tree on reverse: countermarked (1850) on both sides with lion passant encircled by inscription, HABILITADO POR EL GOBIERNO. Fine to Very Fine. Attractive and very scarce.
- 769 Republic. 1866. 2 Pesos, 1 Peso. Arms in cartouche, wreath and date below. Rev. Value in open wreath. Fine plus and Extremely Fine. Also, 1900. 2 Colones. Bust of Columbus r. Rev. Arms in cartouche. C.W. 2. Extremely Fine plus. Last difficult date, others now uncommon. 3 Pcs.
- 770 **Guatemala**. 1860. 4 Reales. Carrera head r. Rev. Denomination and date within closed wreath, fineness below. Abt. VF; large and serious planchet flaw at lower l. obverse. **Mexico**. CHARLES IV. 1808. 1 Scudo. Bust r. of Charles IV, title CAROL-III. Rev. Arms and Golden Fleece. Extremely Fine, but with an obvious reverse rim cut. Last very scarce. 2 Pcs.



- 771 Similar. 1797. 1 Scudo. Type of second above, with same obverse legend. Extremely Fine for coin, flan slightly defective at borders as made. Plus, FERDINAND VII. 1814. ½ Scudo. Laureate head r. Rev. Crowned oval arms within Golden Fleece, without inscription other than mm. left, assayer's initials right. Very Fine. Double profile on obverse; traces of (removable) glue upon reverse. Very scarce pair. 2 Pcs.
- 772 Similar. 1806. 8 Scudos. Armored bust to r. of Charles IV, legend CAROL·VIII. Rev. Arms and Golden Fleece. Second type, as both 1 Scudo pieces described above. Choice Uncirculated; a first-strike with considerable reflective lustre from newly polished dies. Far above average!
- 773 **Peru.** 1829. 2 Scudos. Lima. Crude figure of Liberty standing, holding shield and pole with cap. Rev. Arms and flags, date below. Mostly Very Fine, a few minor planchet flaws. Ex "Lee," lot 2029, estimated at \$27.50.
- 774 Similar. 1853. 2 Scudos. Devices similar to last, but more modern workmanship; fineness added to reverse inscription, denomination removed from field and also placed around. Extremely Fine, with much original frost remaining. Valued to \$35. today!
- 775 Same. 1855. 4 Scudos. Identical Assayer's initials. Very Good. Planchet slightly defective upon the reverse; one small, but noticeable, obverse edge bruise. Rare, records to \$43. even so worn.

### U. S. COPPERS, SMALL CENTS AND MINOR COINS

- 776 **Half Cents.** 1797 1 over 1, Breen 23, Gilbert 4; 1808, B-55, G-2; 1828 13 Stars, B-69, G-2; 1835, B-81, G-2; 1851 and 1854. First Very Fair, date clear, others Good to Fine, the 1808 slightly impaired; 1854 VF. Plus, 1809. Poor. 7 Pcs.
- 777 1804. Plain 4; stemless wreath. B-42: 6-F. G-2. Very Fine, minor signs of abverse maltreatment. Also, 1833. B-79: 1-A. G-1. Strictly Extremely Fine and lustrous; two or three tiny obverse rim nicks, other unimportant evidence of handling. Valued to \$10.00. 2 Pcs.
- 778 **Large Cents.** 1794 Sheldon 22; 1795 Pl. edge, ONE CENT centered, S-69 (R-4); 1797 Stems, S-139; 1798 Small dates, S-169 (R-5) and S-187. Good to Very Good lot; the first somewhat pitted, second uniformly roughened, the '97 slightly impaired. 5 Pcs.
- 779 1796 Draped bust, rev. type of '95, S-98; 1800/179 S-196; 1800 S-212 (R-3); 1801 S-222. First Good or better, and relatively clean; the two 1800's Good to VG and desirable; last Fine, but lightly pitted in spots. Listed to \$20.00. 4 Pcs.
- 780 1801 Three errors rev., S-219; 1801 1/100 over 1/000, S-221; 1801 S-224; 1802 S-232; 1802 Stemless, S-241; 1803 S.D., large fraction, S-258. Mostly VG to Fine; the second mutilated, third abused and corroded. Finally, a worn 1803, unidentifiable. 7 Pcs.
- 781 **1805.** S-267. (Clapp 1; Doughty 199.) The Common Blunt 1. Very close to Mint State; **strictly AU-55.** Lustrous golden-brown and pale olive color, some silvery-gray iridescence. A truly splendid impression, separated from full Unc. only by the slightest cabinet friction and a few minute keg marks, mainly about the obverse rim. It is decidedly superior to the stripped cent in the Kosoff Clarke sale, lot 109, which brought \$155. We also consider it nicer than the Ryder coin, and more desirable than the "Dupont" specimen as it has more mint surface. A Condition Census item! **Plate**
- 782 Last of the Early Cents. 1806 S-270; 1807/6 S-273 (2); 1807 Large fraction, S-276; 1809 S-280; 1810/9 S-281; 1810 S-282; 1812 Small date, S-290; 1813 S-293 and 1814, Plain 4, S-295. The '09 Poor, 1806 and one 1807/6 Fair; others barely Good (2) to Very Good (4), the second 1807/6 impaired. Excellent for resale! 10 Pcs.
- 783 1816 Newcomb 5 (Scarce); 1817 Wide date, N-10; 1817 Close date, N-13; 1818 N-6; 1820 Large date, N-10, N-11; 1821 Close date, N-1; 1822 Wide date, N-4; 1823 N-2; 1825 Large A's, N-7 (2); 1826 Close date, N-6; and what appears to be 1826/5 N-8; 1827 N-1. The '21 VG, rev. scratched, the 1823 Fair but damaged. Remainder Fair (1), Good (4), VG (3) and Fine (2), the 1817's almost VF, but both slightly mishandled. 14 Pcs.
- 784 1828 L. Date, N-1; 1828 S. Date, N-10; 1829, 30 and 1831 (2) Large letters, N-1, N-8, N-7, N-8; 1833 Small letters, N-1, N-6; 1834 S.D., L.S., S.L., N-1 (2); 1835 Type af 36, N-7; 1836 N-6; 1837 Plain hair cord, L.L., N-3; lastly, a worn, unattributed '37. The 1836 VF plus, three others Fine or so,

- seven Very Good. The scarce '28 S. Date VG but bent, first '33 Good though damaged, and one '34 together with the last '37 barely Good. 14 Pcs.
- 785 1838 N-1, 1839 Booby head, N-11; 1840 L. Date, S. Date; 1841, 1842 L. Date, 1843 Type of 42, 1844, 1844/81, 1845, 1846 Small date (2), 1848, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54; 1855 and 1856 each Upright and Slanting 5's. The scarce 1844/81 VG, as are five others; eight Fine or better, eight VF, one Extremely Fine. A few of the later dates attributed; two or three showing lacquer on one or both sides. 23 Pcs.
- 786 Remainder of the Large Cents. 1839 Type of 40, N-8; 1839 Silly head, N-9; 1843 Type of 44. VF, rim cuts; Good, reverse puncture; G-VG, the edges dented. Lastly, 1857. Large date. N-1. Fine to VF, in need of cleaning. 4 Pcs.

### The Rare and Popular 1856 Flying Eagle Cent

- 787 **1856.** First year of issue. Very Fine, the reverse almost extremely so. Seriously impaired upon the obverse by a deep rim cut over F of OF. Other obverse maltreatment includes several rim and/or border abrasion marks, all but one tiny; numerous pinpoint nicks or digs, most of them upon the eagle proper; two or three light scratches, the two serious ones diagonal. Hardly as bad as our detailed description sounds; should be seen.
- 788 **Other Copper-Nickel Cents.** 1857 and 1858 Large letters. Flying Eagle type. Both with dates re-engraved. Extremely Fine; first dull, second with the obverse cleaned. Plus, 1858. L.L. Plain date. Ex. Fine; some lustre, a small obv. green spot at CA of AMERICA. First two seldom offered. 3 Pcs.
- 789 1859. Indian head; laurel wreath on reverse. Splendid, lightly toned Proof. Very much underpriced; the Byrne specimen realized \$45. on Jan. 26th in the second "Menjou" sale.
- 790 1860. Indian head; oak wreath and shield. Superb first-strike or "semi-proof." Purchased as a proof.
- 791 1859 and 1860. Dull and tarnished Unc. Guidebook at \$22.00. 2 Pcs.
- 792 **1861.** Partly brilliant Proof. One brought \$47. in last January's Schulman-Kreisberg offering.
- 793 1861, 62, 63 and 1864. Extremely Fine plus and tarnished Unc. First defective and/or impaired in one spot upon the obv. border, twice upon the reverse, last with a little green reverse corrosion. Worth \$18.50 or more. 4 Pcs.
- 794 1862. Brilliant Proof. Valued to \$27.50 today!
- 795 1863. Nicely toned golden Proof. Choice, in spite of a hardly visible surface scratch (from cleaning) in the l. obverse field, a tiny green spot in the milling opposite U of UNITED. Scarcer than the last.
- 796 1864. Mostly brilliant Proof. Extra nice, although the high wire edge is in need of slight cleaning. Becoming harder to locate all the time.  
The copper-nickel Eagle and Indian Cents in proof have long been undervalued because of the frequency in which first-strikes are sold as proofs. Some of these "semi-proofs" are highly deceptive, and unless compared with genuine proofs, can fool the most astute upon occasion, present company included.
- 797 The remainder of these. 1857, 58 L.L., 59, 60, 61, 62 and 1863. Last VF plus, others Very Good to Fine; the '61 with a few pinpoint nicks, mainly upon the Indian's neck. 7 Pcs.
- 798 **Bronze Indian Cents. 1864.** Lightly tarnished, golden-brown **Proof.** While we note a minute tarnish spot in the l. obverse field, this cent remains a highly desirable example of a proof rarity that should list for \$75.00.
- 799 1864 and 1865. Date on first shows traces of recutting to l. Dull red and golden-brown Unc., the '64 more attractive. Guidebook at \$16.50. 2 Pcs.
- 800 **1864 "L".** Date and obverse letters clearly re-engraved. Golden-brown Unc. Indications of obverse handling. Rare, and in increasing demand.
- 801 Another. From different dies, the date partly re-engraved. Cleaned Unc., now a comparatively uniform light brown. Worth \$40. or more!
- 802 1865. Bright, golden Proof. Some iridescent and steel obverse tarnish.
- 803 1865, 67, 69, 75, 79, 80, 81, 86 (both types), 88, 1901 and 1904. The scarce dates barely Good (1) to VG; first and last two Very Fine, others close to Fine. 12 Pcs.
- 804 1866. Choice Proof. Maroon, blue and gold iridescence. Records to \$46.00.
- 805 Duplicate. Dullish, golden-brown Unc. Lists \$27.50.
- 806 1867. Brilliant, golden-red Proof. With a trace or so of tarnish, but a beauty!
- 807 Another. Red-brown Uncirculated. Worth \$20. so!
- 808 1868. Bright red Unc. A "gem," in spite of a small tarnish stain upon the reverse border from ribbon end to edge. An inferior one brought \$31. in the second "Menjou" auction, over four months ago.



- 809 1869. Light red Proof. A scarce and underrated year, particularly so as a proof.  
 810 Duplicate perfect date 1869. Extremely Fine with much lustre, the red perhaps artificial. Also, 1874 and 1880. Tarnished and dull, golden-brown and red-brown Unc. A \$32.50 lot! 3 Pcs.
- 811 1870. Rich golden-brown and maroon Proof. Exceptionally desirable.  
 812 Another. Brown Uncirculated; the obverse displaying some golden lustre. Guidebook at \$30.00.
- 813 **1871.** Evenly brilliant Proof. The obverse light red, the reverse with maroon overtones. Comparable with the proof '64 in price, and also on its way to \$75.00.
- 814 Another. Uncirculated. The obverse golden-red and fully bright on the r., tarnished a red-brown on the left; reverse tarnished an olive-brown with only faint traces of lustre. Rare year.
- 815 **1872.** Bright, sparkling red Proof. Slightly impaired at the top r. obverse edge and rim. In the greatest demand.
- 816 Duplicate rare 1872. Medium red Unc. With two microscopic "spur" defects on the left reverse rim, as made. This cent definitely has not been mishandled in any way. Superior, as a "virgin" impression, to one that recently sold for \$57.50.
- 817 1873. Pale red Proof. Choicer than many offered. Worth \$20.00.
- 818 Another. Red, brown and blue Proof; the obverse with a single spot at F of OF, the reverse showing slight evidence of old fingermark tarnish.
- 819 1874. Golden-red Proof; the reverse lightly tarnished, two or three unimportant spots on the milling at r. A nice item, regardless of our ultra conservative cataloging.
- 820 1875. Light brown Proof. Not in full brilliance, few tiny reverse spots. Guidebook at \$16.00.
- 821 1875 and 1876. Golden-brown Unc. and Ex. Fine. The lustrous '76 heavily tarnished on the reverse. Valued to \$20.00. 2 Pcs.
- 822 1876. Brilliant Proof. A glittering beauty, the reverse with attractive iridescent toning. Worth \$20. so nice!
- 823 **1877.** Almost fully brilliant, rich red **Proof.** Better than any we remember handling; nicer than the cleaned Ray Byrne example, which commanded \$175. last January. We anticipate that this select, "undoctored" specimen will break all records.
- 824 Duplicate rare 1877. Strictly Very Fine. Glossy brown color. Mishandled a long time ago, at ON(E) upon the reverse; unnoticed by the consignor, and presumably, would not bother anyone else.
- 825 1878. Toned red Proof. With a few minute tarnish spots upon the obverse, some evidence of reverse fingerprint tarnish. Long lint mark (as made) between ONE CENT and wreath at r. Guidebook at \$16.00.
- 826 1878, 1884 and 1904. Uncirculated. Red and steel, the reverse dull; red-brown color; brilliant golden-red, small obv. green spot. List \$23.75. 3 Pcs.
- 827 1879 and 1880. Splendid gold and red Proofs; reverse of the second tarnished an iridescent brown, traces of a fingermark visible. Valued as high as \$20.00. 2 Pcs.
- 828 1879. Light red, toned Proof. Very choice! Plus, 1881 and 1882. Very dull and dull Proofs, hardly worthy of the name; first with two small obv. green spots. 3 Pcs.
- 829 1881 and 1882. Brilliant golden-red and maroon-olive Proofs. Splendid! 2 Pcs.
- 830 1883 and 1884. Choice Proofs. First a maroon-brown, with the faintest suggestions of fingermark tarnish; second a multi-colored "gem." Worth \$15.00. 2 Pcs.
- 831 1883 and 1884. Rich red Unc., the '83 with a suggestion of microscopic spotting upon the obverse. Plus, 1885. Ex. Fine, dark brown and steel. Last uncommon. 3 Pcs.
- 832 1883, 87 and 1888. Dull and tarnished Proofs; the first spotted upon the obverse, last with the obverse relatively brilliant. Red book at \$15.50, but will bring less. 3 Pcs.
- 833 1885 and 1887. Splendid iridescent Proofs; the scarce '85 with heavy reverse toning. Now priced to \$20.00. 2 Pcs.
- 834 1885 and 1888. Proofs. Tarnished red and blue-steel though fully brilliant; the magnificently iridescent '88 not uniformly struck up. 2 Pcs.
- 835 1886. The two distinct types, I and II. Proofs. T-I golden-red upon the obverse, tarnished red and blue upon the reverse; T-II a brilliant "gem" with maroon iridescence. 2 Pcs.

Type I resembles the issue of 1864-85, and is distinguished by the fact that two feathers point at center of M and between E R. The second type was continued through 1909, and the two feathers now point at right upright of M and center of R.

- 836 1887, 89 and 1890. First two dull Unc., the '87 somewhat iridescent, the '89 a rich brown with traces of lustre. Last a cleaned golden-red Unc., now beginning to tarnish, and displaying two or three minute reverse spots. 3 Pcs.
- 837 1889 and 1890. Light red-brown and brilliant red Proofs. First with a suggestion of obverse fingermark tarnish, last a full blooded "gem." A \$12.50 lot. 2 Pcs.
- 838 1889, 90 and 1891. Partly brilliant Proofs, the reverses very dull. Second with an unimportant tarnish spot upon either side. Guidebook at \$16.00. 3 Pcs.
- 839 1891 and 1892. Choice red Proofs, a trace of tarnish upon either side of the last. Valued above \$15. today! 2 Pcs.
- 840 1891, 92 and 1893. Lightly tarnished Unc. First with two small obverse green spots, the brighter '93 somewhat spotted upon the reverse. 3 Pcs.
- 841 1892, 93 and 1894. Tarnished Proofs, the reverses very dull. First and last with a tiny carbon spot or so, the obverse of the '93 with fingermark tarnish. These badly need expert restoration. Guidebook at \$20., worth perhaps half of that. 3 Pcs.
- 842 1894, 95, 96 and 1905. Second with a partly re-engraved date. Golden-brown and partly red Uncirculated. The '95 with a serious obverse green spot; last showing fingermark tarnish upon the obverse, staining upon the back. 4 Pcs.
- 843 1895 and 1896. Partly tarnished, golden-red and olive Proofs. First with two tiny obverse tarnish spots, microscopic evidence of contact with another coin in the l. obverse field. List to \$14.50, but now sell for more. 2 Pcs.
- 844 1895, 96 and 1897. Proofs. First tarnished on both sides; other two mostly brilliant upon the obverse, tarnished and dull upon the reverse. Guidebook at \$22.00. 3 Pcs.
- 845 1897 and 1898. Brilliant red Proofs; the '97 attractively toned upon the reverse. Unusually choice, but for a small tarnish mark in the l. obverse field of the 1898. 2 Pcs.
- 846 1898 and 1899. Partly brilliant Proofs. The obverses comparatively bright, but showing signs of slight fingermark or other tarnish; reverses tarnished and dull. List at \$14.50. 2 Pcs.
- 847 1899 and 1900. Choice Proofs, the second almost fully brilliant. First with some light iridescent tarnish, two or three unnoticeable spots upon the obverse. Valued to \$15. so! 2 Pcs.
- 848 1900, 01 and 1902. Proofs. First and third with traces of tarnish upon their golden-red, almost fully brilliant obverses, the reverses partly toned. The '01 iridescently toned, its reverse with some olive colored tarnish at l. 3 Pcs.
- 849 1901, 02 and 1903. Choice Proofs. Second a brilliant golden-yellow, the reverse in particular with iridescent tarnish. The reverse of the first and both sides of the '03 richly toned, although the bright obverse of the '01 displays a few "flyspecks." Guidebook at \$5.50 each. 3 Pcs.
- 850 1903, 04 and 1905. Proofs. First a brilliant golden-red, second an attractive maroon with minor indications of tarnish. Last with deep iridescent coloring. Above average trio. 3 Pcs.
- 851 1904, 05 and 1906. Proofs. First and third with iridescent tarnish, the reverse of the '04 with evidence of a fingerprint. The 1905 a brilliant golden-red with some toning. Guidebook at \$16.50, worth considerably more. 3 Pcs.
- 852 1906, 07 and 1908. Partly brilliant Proofs. First bright, though with a spot or so; second toned, the reverse tarnished presumably by a fingerprint; third with light, uneven tarnish, but still desirable. 3 Pcs.
- 853 1907, 08 and 1909. The last years. Proofs. First with iridescent tarnish, a few faint obverse specks; last two almost fully brilliant and choice, in spite of a touch of obverse tarnish upon the 1909. Now priced to \$25.00. 3 Pcs.
- 854 **1908 "S"**. Brilliant, golden-red Unc. A "gem" cent, even though a glass reveals a very few bag handling marks upon the obverse. Similar ones have recently brought \$27.50.
- 855 Another. Just about Unc. A lustrous golden-brown, the reverse rather dullish. Very scarce and popular.
- 856 **1909 "S"**. Second and rarest of the mintmarked Indian Cents. Bright, golden-red Unc. This coin is just commencing to tarnish, particularly upon the reverse where the signs of a fingerprint are beginning to appear. Still, the best that we have seen for some time, with "gem potential" via expert cleaning. Rarer than commonly supposed nice!



- 857 Set of Philadelphia Mint Indian Cents, 1878 to 1909 inclusive; the 1886 Type I. All Uncirculated, except for the 1881 and 1892, which are well toned Proofs. The '84 is a deceptive first-strike. While the uncommon 1885 is tarnished a lustrous, deep blue-brown, only six or seven others show any serious signs of oxidation. The balance ranges up the scale in brilliancy, the majority fully bright in various hues. Priced in the 10th Edition Guidebook at \$159.75. Neatly mounted in two uninscribed "Rayway" No. 703 pages. 32 Pcs.
- 858 **Lincoln Cents.** 1909 VDB, 09, 10, 11, 12 (2) and 1913. Three almost completely red Unc., the '11 and one '12 toned. First brilliant Unc., though with light evidence of fingermark tarnish; the '10 with a bright red obverse, the reverse golden-olive and fingermarked. 7 Pcs.
- 859 **1909 "S". VDB.** Fully brilliant, golden-red Unc. "gem". A toned specimen brought \$65. last January, against a \$100. bid, in the Schulman-Kreisberg sale.
- 860 Duplicate. Very Fine plus. In the greatest possible demand.
- 861 1909 "S". Brilliant red Unc. Exceptionally nice; untouched, the obverse absolutely superb. Valued to \$17.50 in this remarkable preservation.
- 862 1910. Brilliant red and lavender toned matte Proofs. First with unimportant specks of red-brown obverse tarnish. Worth \$15. today! 2 Pcs.
- 863 1910. Uncirculated. Mostly brilliant and/or attractively toned, a few badly tarnished or spotted. 23 Pcs.
- 864 1910 "S" and 1911 "D". A uniformly lustrous golden-brown and bright red Unc. Last boldly struck and unusually choice. Worth \$14. so! 2 Pcs.
- 865 1911 "S". Bright red Unc. Some blue tarnish beginning to appear, almost entirely about the edges. Far above average, worth \$15.00.
- 866 Another. Uncirculated. Mostly red, some tarnish upon the obverse; a green spot on Lincoln's chin, infinitesimal specks upon the reverse. In need of restoration.
- 867 1912 "S". Light red Unc. Mostly brilliant and nice, in spite of a solitary small reverse spot at D of UNITED. Hard to locate!
- 868 1912 "D". Fully brilliant, bright red Unc. Some dark tarnish upon the lower obverse border itself, a touch of the same upon the upper reverse border proper. A real beauty, which should be seen.
- 869 1913 "S". Brilliant red Unc. Just about the best we've seen.
- 870 1913 "D". Bright red "gem" Uncirculated. A magnificent example, beyond improvement. Cents of this caliber are worth a decided premium.
- 871 1914, 15 and 1916. Unc. First weakly struck and lightly toned; the last two brilliant, but the '15 with slight green tarnish upon the reverse, the otherwise "gem" '16 with a similar small spot above Lincoln's ear. Valued to \$13.00. 3 Pcs.
- 872 **1914 "S".** Iridescently toned Unc. The obverse mainly a brown color, the reverse leaning to a pinkish brown. Well struck, and above average. Only found brilliant when exposed to cyanide or the scrub brush. Records to \$50. for inferior examples!
- 873 **1914 "D".** Superb, uniformly toned Unc. A pale, soft red, with only the most subtle hints of tarnish. Uncleaned, unpolished, and undoctored; far, far superior to a circulated one with artificial color that recently sold for \$150. A specimen in Stack's J. W. Schmandt sale, Feb. 1-2, 1957, brought \$185.00.
- 874 1915 "S". Nicely toned pink and blue Unc. Hardly brilliant, but scarce.
- 875 1915 "D" and 1916 "D". Bright red Unc. First pristine, the '16 "D" with a few light abrasion marks upon the obverse, a tiny reverse spot plus several tarnish specks. 2 Pcs.
- 876 1915 "D". Brilliant red "Gem" Uncirculated. Absolutely perfect! 2 Pcs.
- 877 Two more. Bright red Unc. One a bit less bold upon the reverse, otherwise equal to the last pair. 2 Pcs.
- 878 Same. Brilliant red Unc. All but one fully struck up. A single specimen in the second "Menjou" offering realized \$7. over four months ago. 4 Pcs.
- 879 Four more. Strictly Mint State, with complete, original red. Will never be cheaper! 4 Pcs.
- 880 Similar. Brilliant Unc., but with suggestions or traces of tarnish. Almost as nice as the preceding. Now \$5. coins wholesale! 5 Pcs.
- 881 The remainder of these. Five are bright red Unc. with only a shade more tarnish than the last; of the remaining three, one shows some green corrosion combined with the full red, one is a deeper red and fingermarked, the last is iridescently toned. An excellent stock lot; only three coins in real need of improvement. Worth \$27.50 or more. 8 Pcs.

- 882 1916 "S". Iridescent red Unc., the reverse toned down. Few microscopic signs of tarnish. Better than most, and worth to \$12. so.
- 883 1917, 18, 19, 20 and 1921. Brilliant Unc. lot, several attractively toned. The second with some (not entirely objectionable) obverse tarnish; the reverse of the otherwise "gem" 1920 with a single tarnish spot, suggestions of a fingermark. Also above the average offered, last uncommon. 5 Pcs.
- 884 1917. Brilliant red Uncirculated. Select, picked cents. Exceptional! 10 Pcs.
- 885 Another group. All bright gems, with full, natural mint color. Coins of this quality are now seldom available in quantity. 15 Pcs.
- 886 1917 "S" and "D". Uncirculated. First weakly struck on both sides; a small obverse planchet defect at the border opposite the mintmark, the reverse die broken from rim through stem of left branch and into field above. The obverse with a single small tarnish spot, otherwise mostly brilliant with slight iridescence. Second brilliant red, and, in contrast, very bold. Valued to \$17.50. 2 Pcs.
- 887 1918 "S" and 1919 "S". Light golden-brown Unc. with pale steel mottling, and a uniform, subdued red Unc. First with a faint scratch behind Lincoln's head, hardly worthy of mention. Records to \$17. and \$6. respectively. 2 Pcs.
- 888 1918 "D" and 1919 "D". Uncirculated. First sharply struck and a brilliant red; second a softer strike and a richer color, toned upon the border and high spots. A second look at the '19 "D" reveals two or three minor obverse handling marks, a tiny spot or so upon the reverse. Worth \$15. and \$4. in our estimation. 2 Pcs.
- 889 1919. Brilliant red Uncirculated. Selected specimens, like the '17's above. 7 Pcs.
- 890 Similar. Equally choice; all bright and clean. Full, original red. 10 Pcs.
- 891 Eight more of these. Mostly brilliant and red, but with some tarnish; one or two fingermarked, a few lightly spotted. Also, 1919 "S", 20 (2), 1920 "D" (2). Toned and tarnished Unc., the two Philadelphia cents with some brilliance. Worth about \$30.00. 13 Pcs.
- 892 1920 "S". Delicately toned, a light red Unc. Bringing \$13.50.
- 893 1920 "D". Brilliant, fully red "gem" Uncirculated, as nice as they come!
- 894 **1921 "S"**. Choice Unc. Nicely struck; toned a lustrous red-brown. One of the most difficult mintmarks in the entire series, with records to \$71.00.
- 895 Duplicate. Also Uncirculated; with less original color than the last, and hardly as desirable. Still a good coin, and seldom offered better.
- 896 1922 "D". Perfect and "broken" obverse dies, the second with the mintmark and the rest of the obverse weak. Uncirculated; bright red and an iridescent golden color. 2 Pcs.
- 897 1922 "D". Normal dies. Brilliant, fully red Unc. Well struck beauties! 3 Pcs.
- 898 Similar. Two "gem" coins; three others equally nice, although lightly and evenly toned. One inferior to any of these realized \$7.50 in the Schulman-Kreisberg auction, last January. 5 Pcs.
- 899 Similar. Three nicely toned specimens, each with one or two tiny reverse green spots. Plus, four brilliant examples showing slight tarnish. List at \$59.50 in the Guidebook. 7 Pcs.
- 900 The last of these, also Uncirculated. Five bright red impressions, each with a trace or so of tarnish, or a few minor specks; three others, almost as desirable, but with light (2) and serious obverse tarnish. 8 Pcs.
- 901 1922 "D", 23 and 1924. Brilliant red Unc. A top-notch trio, valued to \$13.50 so. 3 Pcs.
- 902 1922 "D", 23, 24 and 1925. Mostly bright Unc., the second evenly toned. First and third choice, but displaying a few tarnish specks, other signs of oxidation. 4 Pcs.
- 903 1922 "D", 23, 25 and 1926. Uncirculated. All but the toned '23 choice and brilliant, but close examination reveals a very few microscopic specks. 4 Pcs.
- 904 **1924 "S"**. A pale red Unc. with some light iridescence, and only the most minor indications of objectionable tarnish. Worth \$35.00.
- 905 **1924 "D"**. Almost fully bright red Unc. Beginning to tarnish at the borders, and with a few infinitesimal tarnish specks, almost entirely upon the obverse. Definitely far above average for this very scarce item.
- 906 Another. Not as well struck as the first. Pale, subdued red Unc., traces of fingermark tarnish, mainly upon the reverse. Not as bad as our description implies!
- 907 A third. Just about a perfect match for the last. This lot (and 906) somewhat better than the one that brought \$35. in the second "Menjou" offering.



- 908 A fourth. Comparatively well struck, but heavily toned Unc. The reverse shows slight evidence of a fingermark also. These will never be cheaper!
- 909 1925, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 1931. Brilliant and choice Unc., some attractive toning. One or two with a tarnish spot or so, the bright '28 with signs of a fingermark at the bottom of the reverse. List over \$9.00. 7 Pcs.
- 910 1925, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 1932. Brilliant red Unc., the '31 attractively toned. A second glance at the otherwise gem '27 reveals a bag nick upon Lincoln's forehead, a single pinpoint tarnish spot. Should bring \$12.00. 7 Pcs.
- 911 1925 and 1925 "S". First a bright golden Unc. with uneven toning. The very scarce '25 "S" softly struck (as almost always), but an attractive light red Unc., with only minor suggestions of tarnish. Worth \$16.00. 2 Pcs.
- 912 1925 "D" and 1926 "D". Second weakly struck. Almost fully bright, and brilliant red Uncirculated. Above average! 2 Pcs.
- 913 Another pair, both equally bold. Choice, mostly red Unc. Some toning, signs of tarnish. The '25 "D" with a few obverse bag marks. Worth \$12.50. 2 Pcs.
- 914 A third pair. Almost fully brilliant Unc. with some attractive toning, but showing traces of tarnish, a few microscopic specks. 2 Pcs.
- 915 1925 "D" and 1927 "D". Mostly brilliant Unc., the reverse of the second lightly toned. Desirable, with only the most subtle hints of tarnish. 2 Pcs.
- 916 **1926 "S"**. Choice Unc. Uniformly a rich golden color, the reverse pleasantly toned down with olive overtones. The nicest of the three bold specimens herewith offered, and a \$35. cent so.
- 917 Duplicate. Mostly brilliant, rich red Unc., the reverse with considerable magenta tarnish, a few minor specks. Worth \$32.50, as a close second to the last in quality.
- 918 A third '26 "S". Pale red Uncirculated, some uneven tarnish upon either side, a very few reverse specks. Worse have been offered as "Brill. Unc.," even before cleaning.
- 919 1927, 27 "D", 28 and 1928 "S". Uncirculated. First magnificently toned; second brilliant, but with light specks of tarnish; third slightly fingermarked; the last bright, though with touches of magenta tarnish, a few specks. 4 Pcs.
- 920 1927. Brilliant red Unc. A few displaying light pastel toning, but all splendid. 8 Pcs.
- 921 Another group, equally choice. Cheap at \$12.50 in this preservation! 9 Pcs.
- 922 Eight more 1927's. Seven of them brilliant, but showing slight tarnish; the last from the end of a roll, tarnished and seriously abraded upon the obverse. Also, 1927 "D". Medium red Unc. Some tarnish, mostly upon the reverse. 9 Pcs.
- 923 1927 "S" and 1928 "S". First softly struck, as almost always. Bright golden-red Unc., the reverse of the '27 "S" subtly toned, both with minor hints of tarnish. The two in the January last Schulman-Kreisberg sale brought \$27.50. 2 Pcs.
- 924 1927 "D". A subdued red Uncirculated, the borders with attractive pastel toning. Far superior to those generally seen. 3 Pcs.
- 925 As last. Equally choice and desirable. 4 Pcs.
- 926 As last. Top grade, highly attractive cents. List in the red book at \$6. each, but worth more. 5 Pcs.
- 927 Similar. Nice Uncirculated coins; partly red, richly toned. Excellent for resale! 10 Pcs.
- 928 1927 "D" (4), 28 "D", 29 "D" and 1930 "D". Attractively toned though partly bright Unc. Three of the first described showing light fingermarking, one of them, in addition, with two or three minor spots. List at \$32.50. 7 Pcs.
- 929 1927 "D" and 1928 "S". Mostly brilliant, lightly toned Unc. The '27 "D" with a tiny spot upon either side, other indications of tarnish. Combined records to \$15.00. 2 Pcs.
- 930 1928 "S" and 1928 "D". Bright, golden-red Unc., the reverse of the second with some toning. Two handling nicks upon the reverse of the '28 "S". Should bring \$13.-14.00. 2 Pcs.
- 931 1929, 29 "S", 30, 30 "S", 31 "S" and 1932 "D". Brilliant red Unc. The '29 "S" with a single small obverse spot, other signs of tarnish negligible. Valued to \$17.50. 6 Pcs.
- 932 1929 "S", 29 "D", 30 "S", 30 "D", 31 and 1931 "D". Uncirculated. Last showing some dark tarnish intermingled with red; others mostly brilliant, the reverses of the first pair well toned. The beautifully iridescent '31 displays a single obverse handling nick. Should bring as much as the preceding lot. 6 Pcs.

- 933 1929 "S", 29 "D", 30, 30 "S", 30 "D", 31 "S" and 1933. Mostly brilliant red Unc., the third and sixth toned down somewhat. The popular '31 "S" and both 29's with a few small spots of little consequence. Should be seen, like all of these. 7 Pcs.
- 934 1930 "S". Brilliant red Unc. (14); partly toned Unc. (3); with signs of spotting (2), and spotted (1). Easily worth \$18.00. 20 Pcs.
- 935 1931 "S", 31 "D" and 1932 "D". Golden, pale red and brilliant red Unc. First with a sign or so of tarnish, but fully choice. A very scarce and highly popular trio, now valued to \$25.00. 3 Pcs.
- 936 1931 "D" and 1932 "D". Iridescently toned and brilliant red Unc., the last with faint suggestions of tarnish. Cheap at \$12.50. 2 Pcs.
- 937 1932. Brilliant red Unc. Exceptionally choice! 7 Pcs.
- 938 As last. Bright, fully lustrous "gems." These list at \$2.50 each, but have been bringing \$3.-3.50. 8 Pcs.
- 939 Similar. Nine as in the last two lots, one with traces of a reverse fingermark. A toned "freak" with a slight planchet clip as found in the half roll. 10 Pcs.
- 940 Miscellany. 1912 Matte Proof, some reverse corrosion; 1940 lightly fingermarked Proof. Plus, 1910, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 1934; toned and tarnished Unc., mostly choice. Finally, 1909 VDB, 20, 32, 43 "D", 45, 45 "S", 45 "D" and 1946 "S"; generally red Unc., a few showing evidence of fingermarks. 16 Pcs.
- 941 Partial set of Lincoln Cents, 1909 VDB to 1940 "D". Lacks 1909 "S" VDB, 12, 18 "S", 19 "S", 20, 20 "D", and 1921 "S" through 1932 "D" except for a '24 "S"; 1936 "S", 38 "S" and 1938 "D". The early dates Fine to Extremely Fine plus, the average Very Fine. The scarce '09 "S" and rare '14 "D" strictly Fine. Of the later dates, eight are Uncirculated, the others Fine to VF. Mtd. in a "Number One" Whitman folder. 51 Pcs.
- 942 A similar partial set, 1909 VDB to 1940 "D". This one lacking 1909 "S" VDB, 10, 15, 17, 18 "S", 19, 20, 20 "S", and 1922 "D" through 1934 except for a '28 "S"; 1936 "S", 38, 38 "S", 38 "D", 39 "S" and 1939 "D". While the earlier dates range from only VG to Ex. Fine, the '09 "S" and '14 "D" are fully Fine, and the 1909, 14, 15 "D" and 1916 are Unc. (1) and EF plus. Of the later dates, six are Unc., the remainder around VF. Mounted in the same type folder as last. 44 Pcs.
- 943 **Two Cent Pieces.** 1864. **Small Motto.** Brilliant red Unc., the original mint color. An exceptional coin, in spite of two or three small indications of obverse tarnish. Records to \$72.50 so fine.
- 944 **1864.** Mostly bright, attractively iridescent **Proof.** Perfect square edge. A very much underrated date in proof; potentially worth to \$50.00.
- 945 1867. Choice lavender and purple Proof. A specimen recently brought \$20.50.
- 946 1868 and 1870. Medium red and toned Unc., the second with considerable proof-like lustre. Guidebook at \$22.00. 2 Pcs.
- 947 1869. Attractive orange-brown Proof, some iridescence at centers.
- 948 Duplicate Proof. Bright red color, the reverse somewhat dulled. Undoubtedly once cleaned. Valued to \$22.50.
- 949 **1872.** Very Good or better, a few unimportant reverse handling marks. Also, 1864 LM, 66 and 1871. Fine to VF, Fair, Very Fine, the last with a small obverse rim scrape. 4 Pcs.
- 950 **Three Cents Nickel.** **1865.** Date partly re-engraved; the last two numerals first cut to left. Mostly brilliant **Proof**, the obverse with a small stain spot, microscopic specks. A rare coin that can (and should) be easily cleaned. One in the Schulman-Kreisberg sale, brought \$80. on Jan. 25 last.
- 951 1866. Brilliant Proof. A beauty, in spite of the inevitable tarnish specks (visible with a glass), also upon the obverse of this piece. A year hard to locate in proof; worth \$17.50.
- 952 1867. Almost fully bright Proof, similar to the last.
- 953 1868. Brilliant Proof. Unimportant traces of tarnish, mostly upon the reverse.
- 954 Duplicate Proof. Heavily tarnished, slightly spotted. Plus, 1865, 75 and 1876. Fine, VF but dirty (2). 4 Pcs.
- 955 1869. Brilliant Proof. Some surface granularity upon the obverse, as made. Becoming scarce; private sale records over \$18.00.
- 956 1870. Brilliant Proof. Rounded edges, a few minute rim defects; not as well made as some of these. Schulman-Kreisberg at \$14.00.
- 957 1871. Unusually bright Proof. Uncommonly nice. A date to watch!
- 958 1872. Brilliant, attractively toned Proof. Valued to \$17. today.
- 959 1873. Brilliant Proof, some light toning. Red book at \$12.00.



- 960 1874. Mostly brilliant Proof, traces of tarnish. Donlon's realized \$19.00, last November.
- 961 **1875.** Almost fully brilliant Proof. Choice, even though a glass will reveal a few infinitesimal carbon specks upon the obverse. This year lacking in the second "Menjou" sale among other offerings; Donlon auction at \$31.00.
- 962 1876. A choice, bright Proof, almost completely free from tarnish. Really scarce, as are many of these.
- 963 **1877.** Brilliant Proof. A splendid example of this rarity, in spite of two or three discernible specks upon the obverse. The one in the Donlon sale brought \$135.00.
- 964 **1878.** Proof. Bright and choice; an impression well above the average offered. Well worth \$40. or more.
- 965 Another 1878. A uniformly tarnished Proof, somewhat dull in appearance. The reverse with carbon specks. Rare date.
- 966 1879 and 1880. Mostly perfect, brilliant Proofs. Now valued to \$17.50. 2 Pcs.
- 967 Two more. Proofs; lightly tarnished and generally brilliant, the last with a few obverse specks. 2 Pcs.
- 968 1881 and 1882. Brilliant Proofs. First with signs of tarnish, the '82 with three or four obvious specks. Guidebook at \$14.50.
- 969 1881 and 1885. Proofs. Almost in full brilliancy, the obverse of the scarce '85 with a solitary black spot. 2 Pcs.
- 970 1883 and 1884. Fully brilliant Proofs, gem-like in quality. Supposedly uncommon. 2 Pcs.
- 971 1885 and 1886. Choice Proofs. Both reverses display a few microscopic tarnish specks. First scarce. 2 Pcs.
- 972 1886, 88 and 1889. First two apparently Uncirculated, the '86 supposedly not made so. Last a proof with obverse specks. These late date Three Cent Nickels are far rarer in Mint State than proof. 3 Pcs.
- 973 **1887/6.** Mostly brilliant Proof, suggestions of tarnish. Rare and popular over-date.
- 974 Duplicate. Lustrous, hardly brilliant Proof. In spite of hints towards tarnish upon the reverse, a very attractive example of this \$45. item.
- 975 **1887.** A lightly tarnished Proof, the reverse carbon specks relatively pronounced. At least as hard to locate as the overdate, if not harder.
- 976 1888 and 1889. The last years of issue. Choice, lightly toned Proofs. The first, in particular, with its share of the usual (and removable) specks. Bringing \$16.00. 2 Pcs.
- NOTE: Carbon specks are very common upon proof and uncirculated Three Cents Nickel that have laid untouched for several years. The coins that we list are not different than those offered by others, they just neglect to mention what we consider pertinent information. Any nickel composition coin can be easily cleaned with the right materials in the right way.
- 977 **Five Cents Nickel; Shield design. 1866.** First year of issue; **rays upon reverse.** Fully brilliant, authentic **Proof.** Minor defect upon shield. **The most underrated proof coin in the entire minor series.** Easily worth \$100. or more!
- 978 1867. Without rays. Splendid, lightly toned Proof.
- 979 1868. "Large Stars." Mostly brilliant Proof; hints of tarnish on upper part of shield.
- 980 1869. "Large Stars" as last; type of 1867-68. Proof. Not in full brilliancy, the obverse with considerable light tarnish. As a date, valued in the Guidebook at \$21.00.
- 981 1870. A lightly toned Proof, with considerable brilliance. Decidedly uncommon; worth \$25.00.
- 982 **1871.** Extra bright, choice Proof. In the greatest possible demand!
- 983 1872. Almost fully brilliant Proof; two infinitesimal obverse spots, presumably dirt. Red book at \$17.50.
- 984 1873. Gorgeous, brilliant Proof. A "gem," in spite of a slight touch of obverse tarnish. Unsullied; never cleaned or improved. Valued to \$16.50 so nice!
- 985 1874. Proof. Just about in full brilliancy, two or three hardly visible tarnish and/or dirt specks upon the reverse. Scarce date.
- 986 **1875.** A cleaned Proof, the fate of so many of these. Faint granular surface defect (as made) in the l. reverse field, between ball of 5 and star opposite UN of UNITED; dirt at broken S of CENTS. Lists at \$55., but has higher records; this example in the \$50. class.
- 987 1876. Fully bright, extra choice Proof. Uncommon year, top condition.
- 988 **1877.** Mostly brilliant Proof, suggestions of tarnish. Private sale records for this date already approximate \$185.00.

- 989 **1878.** Fully bright, exceptionally choice Proof. About as nice as this rare item comes.
- 990 1879. Softly polished, unusually nice Proof. Underrated so, at least as hard to locate as 1880. Priced to \$25., and worth it.
- 991 1880. Almost fully brilliant Proof; light, attractive obverse toning, the reverse with slight evidence of (removable) fingerprints. Scarce, and in demand.
- 992 1881. Proof. Very similar to the last, but the obverse free from toning.
- 993 1882 and 1883. Last of the Shield Nickels. Choice Proofs, the second iridescently toned. 2 Pcs.
- 994 **Liberty Head design.** 1883. Both varieties; without and with CENTS. Lightly toned Proofs, a single trace of dirt upon the obverse of the first. Recent combined records total \$21.00. 2 Pcs.
- 995 1884. Mainly brilliant, subtly toned Proof. Selling at \$20.00.
- 996 **1885.** A choice Proof, also attractively toned. A \$75. item!
- 997 **1886.** Proof. Similar to the last two, some suggestions of tarnish. Scarce year.
- 998 1887 and 1889. Toned Proofs. First not fully struck up, and the '89 slightly frosty in appearance (as made and issued). There is a tiny tarnish spot at R of AMERICA upon the reverse of the '87, and the last has two tiny reverse field nicks. 2 Pcs.
- 999 1888. Partly brilliant Proof, the reverse in particular, showing tarnish. A small nick or so at right top of wreath. Uncommon; red book at \$13.50.
- 1000 1890 and 1891. Brilliant and lightly toned Proofs. Well above average. 2 Pcs.
- 1001 1892 and 1893. Bright, desirable Proofs. First with obvious reverse toning. The '93 now hard to locate. 2 Pcs.
- 1002 1894 and 1895. Almost completely brilliant, nicely toned Proofs. These two dates becoming scarce. 2 Pcs.
- 1003 **1896.** Toned Proof. Choice; indications of tarnish. Scarce and popular year.
- 1004 1897 and 1898. Brilliant Proofs. Very slight pastel toning. Worth \$23.00. 2 Pcs.
- 1005 1899. Proof. Heavily and evenly toned. Uncommon; red book at \$12., although with higher recent records.
- 1006 1900 and 1901. Proofs. Just about fully brilliant; second with suggestions of tarnish, a very few specks. 2 Pcs.
- 1007 1902 and 1903. Brilliant Proofs. 2 Pcs.
- 1008 1904 and 1905. Equally brilliant Proofs, but the '04 with a group of black specks at the upper r. side of the obverse, two other light obverse tarnish spots; the second with an obverse dull spot (from the twelfth star to the head) where the die was not polished. 2 Pcs.
- 1009 1906 and 1907. Bright, extra nice Proofs. The second with a minute reverse rim flaw, clearly a striking defect. Valued over \$20.00. 2 Pcs.
- 1010 1908 and 1909. Partly and fully brilliant Proofs; second with the faintest signs of reverse tarnish. Also bringing about \$10. each. 2 Pcs.
- 1011 1910 and 1911. Lightly tarnished, "virgin" Proofs. First supposedly scarce; one in the Schulman-Kreisberg "Menjou" auction brought \$14.50. 2 Pcs.
- 1012 1912. Last year of regular (and official) issue. Choice Proof with iridescent toning. Guidebook at \$17.50.
- 1013 **1912 "S".** Uncirculated. Weakly struck at Liberty's forelock, as nearly always; the reverse bold. Though with one or two minor indications of contact with another coin upon the obverse, this specimen is superior to the last two handled by us. Bringing \$75.-80.00.
- 1014 **1912 "D".** Brill. Unc. with highly desirable, pale blue-magenta toning. Microscopic traces of an obverse fingermark. A popular type coin also, struck like, and almost as highly valued as the last.
- 1015 **Partial Proof set of Liberty Head Nickels,** consisting of 1883 No CENTS, 83 CENTS, 84, **85**, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94 and 1895. The '88 and '89 lacking depth of brilliance (as made); the '94 with lint imperfections about Liberty's chin, also a manufacturing fault. Mostly toned, a few, including the 1885, displaying considerable tarnish. Two or three with minute signs of handling, the '91 showing light fingermarking. All in all, a desirable lot badly in need of cleaning, but free from the commonly found carbon specks or spotting. Mounted in an uninscribed "Rayway" No. 704 page. 12 Pcs.
- 1016 **Indian Head or Buffalo design.** 1915 and 1923. Partly brilliant Unc. First with a few faint tarnish specks, the '23 with a single spot of obverse dirt. Guidebook at \$11.00. 2 Pcs.
- 1017 **1919 "D".** Sharply struck. Lightly tarnished Unc. Priced in the March Scrapbook by dealer Kosoff at \$75.00.



- 1018 **1924 "D"**. Last three numerals in date clearly re-engraved. Comparatively bold. Lustrous, and mostly brilliant Uncirculated; three or four tiny spots of removable obverse dirt. Selling as high as \$67.50.
- 1019 1925 and 1926. Choice Unc. First with uniformly heavy lustre, both with indications of tarnish. 2 Pcs.
- 1020 **1925 "S"**. Mintmark clearly defined; generally struck up better than most. Tarnished Unc. With a minor obverse rim nick, traces of dirt. The Donlon specimen, estimated at \$85., brought \$100. last November 23rd.
- 1021 1925 "D". Mostly bright, lustrous Unc. Exceptionally nice, in spite of a hardly noticeable stain upon the lower r. obverse border. Worth \$25.00.
- 1022 **1926 "S"**. Softly struck. Uncirculated; some reverse tarnish, an obvious spot upon the Buffalo's left leg. Really rare in anything approaching decent condition. The example in the Schulman-Kreisberg sale of last January, which we thought considerably inferior to this lot, realized \$130.00.
- 1023 1926 "D" and 1927 "D". Bold, choice Uncirculated coins. First with iridescent toning, the '27 "D" mostly brilliant. Priced from \$18.50 to \$23.50. 2 Pcs.
- 1024 1927, 28, 29 and 1930 "S". Uncirculated group with much lustre, little tarnish. Last priced to \$10. alone. 4 Pcs.
- 1025 **1927 "S"**. Sharp, uniformly bold impressions. Strictly Uncirculated and fully lustrous, but with signs of tarnish, a little reverse oxidation. Still, the best one we have seen in years—a coin that a little restoration could make into a \$150. item. Donlon had three used pieces, the second "Menjou" auction none.
- 1026 1928 "S". Attractive, mostly bright Unc. Worth \$17.50 so.
- 1027 1929 "S" and 1930 "S". Brilliant Unc., the softer struck '29 "S" with a small oxidation spot right of the date. Valued at \$12.50 today. 2 Pcs.
- 1028 Incomplete set of Buffalo Nickels, 1913 T-1 to 1937. Lacks both 1913 "S" types, 14 "S", 15, 16, 16 "S", the three 19's, 20, both 21's and 23's, 24 "S", 24 "D", 25, 25 "S", 1926 to 1930 "S" inclusive, 34 "D", 35 "S", 35 "D" and 1936 "S". The uncommon '31 "S" and 1936 are Uncirculated; 1915 "S", 17 "D", 18 "D", a few later ones, are Very Fine or better. Others Good (3) to Fine, the usual circulated run. Mtd. in a Whitman folder. 25 Pcs.
- 1029 Remainder of the Nickels. 1868 LS Shield; 1883 NC, 90, 1902, 03, 09, 11 and 1912 Liberty heads. First, third, fourth Fair, the '68 with an attempted rev. puncture; balance close to Fine, the '83 VF. Plus, 1913 T-1, 16, 25 "D" and 1926 Buffalos, EF, Good, Fine or better (2); 1928, 29, 35, 36 and 1937 Buffalos, Unc. or close to it, the '28 strictly so. Lastly, 1940, 45 "P", 45 "S", 45 "D", 46, 46 "S", 46 "D", 48 and 1950 Jeffersons. First a Proof, remaining eight Unc. Good resale lot. 26 Pcs.

## UNITED STATES SILVER COINS

- 1030 **Trimes.** 1851 "O" and 1854. A lustrous Ex. Fine and close to Very Fine. Both scarce, the first particularly so, and a popular "type." A good buy at \$20.00. 2 Pcs.
- 1031 **1855.** Very Fine or better. Some lustre, much tarnish. Rare year.
- 1032 1856 and 1858. About Unc. and Extremely Fine, the second with a single obverse rim and border nick, each of little consequence. The nicer '56 lists at \$17.50 Perfect. 2 Pcs.
- 1033 1859 and 1861. Very Fine and Extremely Fine. First decidedly uncommon, but with a small reverse border dig. Worth \$7.50. 2 Pcs.
- 1034 1860 and 1862. Very Fine and close to Unc. The scarcer '60 somewhat defective, mostly about both borders. 2 Pcs.
- 1035 1862. Bright first-strike or "semi-proof," obtained as a proof. Also, 1871. Lightly tarnished, iridescent Proof. Last rare, only 960 proofs struck. 2 Pcs.
- 1036 **1868.** Lilac and blue toned Proof. Just 600 proofs made; one of the better dates.
- 1037 1871. Another Proof, this one heavily tarnished. Bringing \$20. or so.
- 1038 **Half Dimes. 1803.** Valentine 1. Large date. Close to Very Fine (for the coin), traces of original lustre. Lightly tarnished, some minor evidence of handling about the weakly struck borders. Similar specimens have brought prices to \$65.00.
- 1039 1829. V-6. Nicely toned Uncirculated; hardly noticeable planchet defect upon the l. obverse border. The reverse shield with double stripes (Type of 1830), commoner by a small margin than the triple stripe variety of this year. Worth \$8.50.

- 1040 1831. V-5. Lustrous lilac Unc., some darker tarnish. Perfect reverse die; not so known to Valentine. Underpriced, as are all these small, early silver coins in top preservation.
- 1041 1832. V-1. Rev. of '30. The C in 5 C. clearly recut. Choice Unc., the obverse with some proof-like lustre. Trace of (removable) glue upon the reverse at numeral of denomination. Perfect dies; struck before 1830 V-1.
- 1042 1833 V-1; 1835 SD, Lg. 5 C., V-6; 1836 Small 5 C., V-6; 1837 Lg. 5 C., V-3. First and third about VF, the '35 almost Unc. and '37 EF. Desirable lot. 4 Pcs.
- 1043 **1837.** Bust design; **small 5 C.** on reverse. V-2. Very Fine plus, some claims to Ex. Fine. A very rare and long underrated variety. Inferior examples have sold for about \$25. within recent years.
- 1044 **1837. No Stars,** Large Date. A toned Extremely Fine, two (easily removable) tarnish spots upon either side. Lists in the red book at \$25. Perfect.
- 1045 1838 and 1842. Liberty seated; without and with drapery. Uncirculated; the first fully lustrous, the '42 displaying signs of handling, considerable tarnish. Well worth the low catalog listing of \$11.50. 2 Pcs.
- 1046 1838, 39, 39 "O" and 1840. Without drapery. Extremely Fine average, all but the '38 choice and desirable. Uncommon condition; valued to \$13.50. 4 Pcs.
- 1047 1841, 43, 45 and 1847. The third very close to Unc., others Ex. Fine. Lustrous coins, now hard to locate so. 4 Pcs.
- 1048 **1846.** Strictly Fine and rare. Currently priced to \$35.00.
- 1049 1849 Date partly re-engraved; 52 "O"; 53 Arrows; 54 Entire date into base, and 1855, Arrows high into base, date centered, the reverse die diagonally cracked across. First F-VF, mishandled at 9 of date; the very scarce '52 "O" Very Fine, but impaired upon the obverse; balance Ex. Fine and lustrous. Interesting lot. 5 Pcs.
- 1050 1850, 51 and 1857. Mostly choice Uncirculated, the first with some iridescence, the last with two thirds of the reverse heavily tarnished. List at \$12.50. 3 Pcs.
- 1051 1858, 59 and 1859 "O". Toned Unc., the '58 with slight obverse tarnish. Nice trio; individual records total as high as \$17.00. 3 Pcs.
- 1052 1860 and 1861. Uncirculated and Proof; first toned, the '61 proof with heavy gray-blue, faintly iridescent tarnish. Guidebook at \$17.00. 2 Pcs.
- 1053 1860 and 1862. First toned Unc., the wreath on reverse poorly struck up at top l. The '62 a heavily tarnished Proof. 2 Pcs.
- 1054 **1863.** Richly toned Proof. Only 460 proofs made, a rare and unappreciated date in any condition.
- 1055 Duplicate 1863 Proof. Uniformly toned, tiny reverse tarnish spot. Really worth \$25., the figure a specimen recently commanded at private sale.
- 1056 **1864.** Lilac-blue Proof. The total accepted mintage only 470 pieces, almost all of them reportedly proofs. Investment minded buyers should ignore modern rolls, and purchase a few coins of this caliber.
- 1057 **1865.** Lustrous Unc., suggestions of tarnish. Another underrated year, the total coinage 13,500 pieces. Should bring \$12.50.
- 1058 **1867.** Lilac, blue and gold Proof. Definitely an important date to watch; only 625 proofs, 8,000 regulars made.
- 1059 1868. Heavily toned Proof. The proof emission exactly 600 pieces.
- 1060 1868 "S", 71, 72 and 1873. First a lustrous Ex. Fine and scarce, the remaining three Unc., or close to it. We particularly like the splendid 1871. 4 Pcs.
- 1061 1869. Deeply toned Proof.
- 1062 1870. Toned, partly brilliant Proof.
- 1063 Another. Almost completely bright, undoubtedly cleaned Proof. These will never be cheaper!
- 1064 1873. Last year. An iridescently tarnished, rather dullish Proof, the reverse rim with a minute nick. Plus, 1840 Drapery, 1853 Arrows, 1860 "O" and 1865 "S". Good plus, VG, Fine to VF, VG. First badly mishandled, the last two impaired to a much lesser degree. 5 Pcs.
- 1065 **Dimes.** 1805. Four berries on branch. Just about Very Fine, traces of original lustre. Borders weak (as often found), the obverse with a few picayune defects.
- 1066 1807, 09, 11/09, 30 Sm. 10 C. and 1836 Lg. 0 in 10 C. Early dates Poor to Fair (3); last two VG or better, the '30 with three obv. nick-like marks. 5 Pcs.
- 1067 1829 Sm. 10 C., 1831 Medium 10 C. and 1832. First Extremely Fine, the other two Very Fine average. Desirable trio. 3 Pcs.



- 1068 1833 Last 3 high, 1834 Small 4 and 1835. The '33 Fine to VF, but scratchea in the l. obverse field; remaining two Very Fine plus, though marked Unc. and EF. Valued at about \$10.00. 3 Pcs.
- 1069 **1838 "O"**. Liberty seated. **No Stars**. Good or better; nice even wear. Plus, 1839 "O", 40 "O" and 1840 Drapery. First and third about VG, the '40 "O" mostly Fine. 4 Pcs.
- 1070 **1838**. Gobrecht type, no drapery. **Small stars**. Strictly Very Fine, although a secand glance reveals several small and old nicks, at least three of them upon the reverse. With a badly cracked obv. die, the first seen so. Uncommonly rare and underrated variety; ane in our last sale, a very dull Unc., bruised upon the reverse rim, sold for \$42.00.
- 1071 1838 Large stars and 1842. Without and with drapery, as usual. The '38 toned Unc., but with a minor abverse rim-border nick ar two; last about Ex. Fine and lustrous. Worth \$12.50 ar mare. 2 Pcs.
- 1072 1841 and 1841 "O". Drapery. First with re-engraved date. Extremely Fine, lustrous though dull. The New Orleans coin shaws slight scratching at the fifth star and along the obv. milling fram the third to sixth stars. Hard to find with original color. 2 Pcs.
- 1073 1841 "O", 42 "O" and 1849 "O". Mintmarks particularly small upon the first and last, which are Ex. Fine and clase to it. The '42 "O" almost VF, but nat uniformly bald. Scarce items, regardless of the red book; lot valued to \$22.50. 3 Pcs.
- 1074 1842, 43, 48, 49, 50, 53 Arrows, 54 "O", 56 "O", 57 "O" and 1859 "O" (2). Secand, third, faurth and seventh Very Fine or better; others clase to VF (2), Fine average (4), the '53 paar and battered. One barely Fine '59 "O" with a small reverse border bruise. Excellent for resale. 11 Pcs.
- 1075 **1856 "S"**. Strictly Gaod; listed at \$17.50 sa in the Guidebook. Also, 1875 "CC" and 1877 "CC", first with mintmark within wreath. Very Fine pair, the '77 "CC" with a slight planchet defect upon its reverse barder. 3 Pcs.
- 1076 1860 and **1866**. Extremely Fine and about Unc. Second really rare and unappreciated; just 8,000 regularly coined. Well worth \$17.50. 2 Pcs.
- 1077 1863. Toned, iridescent Proof. Rare Civil War year; exactly 14,000 regulars, 460 praafs made. A Dime to watch, particularly in praaf!
- 1078 1872 and **1873 Arrows**. Lustraus and lightly tarnished Unc., bath somewhat dull. The papular '73 not struck up at Liberty's head. Now catalag at \$24. Perfect. 2 Pcs.
- 1079 1873. Arrows at date. Heavily tarnished, lilac-blue **Proof**. Very faint indications af handling upon the abverse, visible only under a glass. In the strongest possible demand!
- 1080 1876. Gray- blue tarnished Proof.
- 1081 1879 and 1880. Toned Unc. and Extremely Fine plus, the first proof-like. Low mintage dates, the '79 a decided "sleeper" with only 14,000 made for circulation. Combined records to \$17.50; potentially worth more. 2 Pcs.
- 1082 1882. Slate colored Proaf with same turquoise iridescence.
- 1083 1883, 84 and 1885. Toned and lightly tarnished Unc. First displays microscopic signs of handling. Red baok at \$11.00. 3 Pcs.
- 1084 1885, 86 and 1887. Toned Uncirculated. Hardly common, really unappreciated coins. 3 Pcs.
- 1085 1887. Almost fully brilliant Praof.
- 1086 1888, 89, 90 and 1891. Toned, rather lustrous Unc. Indications of tarnish. Should bring \$14.-15.00. 4 Pcs.
- 1087 1890. Toned Proof, touch of obverse tarnish. Plus, 1891. Last year of type. Choice Unc. 2 Pcs.
- 1088 1892. Barber's Liberty head design. A bright Proof, almost in full brilliancy.
- 1089 1892, 1900, 02 and 1905 "O". Last with the small mintmark, popularly called "microscapic." Unc., about VF, Fine and Very Fine plus. First two with minor rim and/or border handling marks, the N.O. piece with a few light scratches of ancient vintage upon the reverse. 4 Pcs.
- 1090 1892 "O". Toned Uncirculated. Far from brilliant, the obverse hardly attractive. In the Whitman baok at \$15.00.
- 1091 1893. Proof. Evenly tarnished, some golden patina.
- 1092 1894 and 1900. Dull and partly brilliant, lustrous Unc. 2 Pcs.
- 1093 **1895**. Strictly Ex. Fine with considerable lustre, but showing a few infinitesimal defects, mainly of the abrasion variety. Worse coins, expertly cleaned, have been offered as BU. Rare, priced to \$50. Unc.

- 1094 1896. Date partly re-engraved, as on last. Lightly toned Unc., two or three tiny digs upon the upper l. obverse border and milling. Scarcer than a proof in Mint State; lists at \$12.50.
- 1095 1900. Fully brilliant, extra nice Proof.
- 1096 1901. Mostly bright, lustrous Proof. Unimportant and hardly visible planchet flaw upon the reverse border, suggestions of golden-brown tarnish.
- 1097 1904. Toned lilac-purple Proof. Only 670 proofs struck compared to 1,245 for 1892, which also lists for \$9.00 (a figure low for any proof dime on today's market).
- 1098 **1904 "S"**. Choice Unc. Toned a lilac-gold color, some frosty lustre. The mintage limited to 800,000 pieces, a comparatively low amount for this series. Records to \$62., valued higher by an enthusiastic mid-western dealer.
- 1099 1905. Attractive, desirable Proof. Mostly bright, traces of tarnish.
- 1100 1905 "S". Nicely toned Unc. Worth \$10.00.
- 1101 1907. Just about flawless, brilliant Proof. Only 575 proofs made; like 1910 below, a "sleeper" year.
- 1102 1907 "O". Iridescently toned Unc., indications of tarnish. Plus, 1912 "S", 12 "D", 14 "S" and 1916 "S". First and fourth only Good and VG, the sharper '16 "S" with a pinpoint obverse dig; remaining pair almost Fine. 5 Pcs.
- 1103 1909. Lightly tarnished Proof. Exactly 650 proofs issued, compared to 4,130 for 1936. These Barber proofs are just beginning to come into their own; when prices adjust themselves, and the parasitic speculators leave the business, the earlier proofs will reach (and remain at) new highs.
- 1104 1909 "S". Uncirculated. The lustrous obverse with gold and turquoise toning, the reverse tarnished. We sold the Dr. Peake specimen for \$21., two years ago.
- 1105 1910. Gray colored Proof; some iridescence, reverse brilliance. Underrated, the proof issue but 551 pieces.
- 1106 1912. Heavily toned, lilac Proof.
- 1107 1913. Perfect brilliant Proof. In great demand!
- 1108 **1914**. Fully brilliant, glittering **Proof**. Really rare, only 425 proofs minted, the lowest number in the Barber series.
- 1109 Duplicate 1914 Proof. Choice, desirable rainbow toning. This date sets new records whenever offered.
- 1110 **1915**. Mostly bright **Proof**. Just 450 proofs struck, second only to the '14. Also rare and equally popular.
- 1111 1917, 17 "S", 18 "S" (2), 19, 19 "S" and 1920 "S". Mercury type. VG to Fine (3); remainder, including the scarce '20 "S", Very Fine average. 7 Pcs.
- 1112 1919. Lightly toned Unc. Weakly struck up, particularly at borders. Guidebook at \$14.00.
- 1113 **1921**. Extremely Fine plus. Purchased as "Dull Unc.," this dime is evenly struck, and shows no actual wear, but is uniformly toned a pale lilac-gray, thus appearing rather lifeless. Well worth looking at; a possible candidate for restoration.
- 1114 1924 and 1925. Lustrous and choice Unc. Boldly struck, the first lightly toned. 2 Pcs.
- 1115 **1925 "S"**. Lustrous, delicately toned Unc. Boldly struck up, definitely choice. The Schulman-Kreisberg "Menjou" sale specimen, called "Almost Uncirculated," brought \$31.00.
- 1116 1925 "D". Mostly brilliant Unc. Bringing \$15.-16.00.
- 1117 1926, 27 and 1928. Uncirculated; lightly toned or tarnished. Extra sharp impressions. 3 Pcs.
- 1118 1926 and 1927. Uncirculated. Deep blue-purple and light golden tarnish. Also, 1940. Brilliant Proof. 3 Pcs.
- 1119 **1926 "S"**. Choice Unc. with attractive iridescent tarnish. Never cleaned or improved; a desirable specimen of a very scarce coin, priced to \$52.50.
- 1120 1926 "D". Bright Unc., some golden-brown tarnish. Guidebook at \$15.00.
- 1121 **1927 "S"**. Brilliant Unc. Sharp nick in Liberty's hair above and slightly behind her eye. Still, nicely struck and otherwise unusually nice. Valued at \$60. in Mint State by a west coast dealer.
- 1122 **1927 "D"**. Subtly toned, frosty Unc. According to dealer Kosoff, bringing over \$175.00.
- 1123 Duplicate 1927 "D". Comparable to the last; almost as well struck, the obverse with nearly full brilliance. A "virgin" impression of this rarity (like the preceding lot and just about all of these). Recent public sale records include



- the Donlon auction at \$150., Schulman-Kreisberg at \$130., the Schmandt offering at \$135.00.
- 1124 1928 "S". Lustrous Unc. Boldly impressed, some obverse tarnish. Valued to \$35., but worth somewhat less.
- 1125 1928 "D". Partly brilliant, partly tarnished Unc. Somewhat of a "sleeper," the second "Menjou" sale example having realized \$31., last January.
- 1126 Another. Also Unc., but not as well struck up upon the reverse. Even so, well above average.
- 1127 1929, 29 "S" and 1929 "D". Choice Uncirculated. A trio in the Schulman Kreisberg sale, lots 2953-55, brought \$13.75. 3 Pcs.
- 1128 1930 and 1930 "S". Delicately toned Unc. Last uncommon, lists at \$15.00. 2 Pcs.
- 1129 1931 and 1931 "S". Uncirculated. Slight golden-brown patina, flecks of brown tarnish. Hard to locate depression year items, the mintmark bringing \$9.00. 2 Pcs.
- 1130 1931 "S", 31 "D" and 1934. Mostly bright, partly tarnished, toned dull Uncirculated. Worth \$16.00. 3 Pcs.
- 1131 Last of the Mercury Dimes. 1937, 44 "S", 45, 45 "S" and 1945 "D". Plus, 1946 and 1946 "S" Roosevelt Dimes. Brilliant Unc., few with iridescent patination. 7 Pcs.
- 1132 **Twenty Cent Pieces.** 1875. Highly deceptive, iridescent first-strike or "semi-proof." Mainly perfect; obtained as a genuine proof.
- 1133 Second 1875. Almost Unc. Cleverly polished to resemble a proof. This first year lists at \$25. Uncirculated.
- 1134 Third 1875. Strictly Very Fine. Suggestions of the original lustre. Guidebook at \$12. Fine.
- 1135 1875 and 1875 "CC". Very Fine and Very Good. Second very scarce. 2 Pcs.
- 1136 1875 "S". Delicately toned, lustrous Unc. Well worth \$18.-20. so.
- 1137 1875 "S" and 1875 "CC". Close to Ex. Fine and not quite Fine. Valued to \$17.50. 2 Pcs.
- 1138 1876. Richly toned lilac and slate colored Proof.
- 1139 Another. Cleaned Unc. Not unattractive; the mint bloom brought up, a proof surface partially created, some of the obverse border patina remaining. This date nearly three times as rare as the '75, regardless of condition.
- 1140 **1877.** Extremely Fine. Shallow edge dig, visible upon the reverse border. Very rare and valuable; only 350 pieces struck, and many of them melted in the summer of 1878. A slightly better example (EF without impairment), sold for a moderate \$75. in our last sale.
- 1141 **1878.** Proof. Mostly brilliant, choice and desirable. Should realize \$100.00.

### The Rare and Popular 1796 Quarter

- 1142 **1796.** Browning 2. Rarity 4 (nearly R-5). High 6 in date. Extremely Fine plus; little, if any, of the original lustre remaining. The obverse sharp and well defined, though weak on eagle's head as on all but two or three specimens of this variety; toned and partly tarnished, and with traces of a gummy deposit which should disappear with a quick dip in acetone or other organic solvent. Deep planchet defect on left border, visible between 5th and 6th stars, TE of UNITED, but not interfering with any part of stars, legend or design. Free from any serious evidence of handling, and an excellent piece for the collector who desires a bold, unworn example, without perfection (or a \$1,375. price tag). Ex H. W. Taffs collection. Should command \$750. to \$800.00. **Plate**

The Menjou, Davis-Graves, Earl Bostic (Stack's sale, Dec. 19, 1956) 1796 Quarters, as well as the one sold in our own Seventh "Numisma" mail bid offering on April 19th last, had similar planchet defects, and were from the same dies, suggesting that all five were made from the same strip of metal which split in the same manner as the planchets were cut.

- 1143 **Quarters Continued. 1804. B-2. Rarity 7.** Wide date, low 8 (in the commoner variety date is low with 04 close and all figures in line). Very Good, strong obverse; weak at borders, especially on reverse, and at upper half of STATES as on all specimens known. Date very strong. We have seen just four examples of this rarity, only one of them choice. The present coin is distinctly superior to the Browning Plate piece, which was the discovery specimen (Detwiler, Col. Green colls.); it is comparable to the WGC lot, the only other one to have appeared at auction. Potentially a \$100. item!
- 1144 **1806. B-2.** Rarity 4. Feet of 1 in date, I and T in LIBERTY defective; C touches tail and A. Shattered reverse die, unknown to Browning. **Choice Uncirculated.** Beautiful lilac and blue toning towards the borders; unusually well struck up

everywhere, except at upper part of shield, eagle's head, and at several of the stars and clouds. Far better than the Browning Plate coin, which was only F/VF, testifying to the rarity of the variety in the upper grades. Also much more desirable than the other three Unc. ones reported: WGC-Kern (cobinet friction), DuPont (very poor strike), T. J. Clarke (scratched). A truly splendid example, very probably the finest known of the variety, and worthy of a runaway price. Ex Wayte Raymond coll. **Plate**

The current Yeoman Guidebook prices the 1806 Quarter at \$70. Unc. and the 1921 at \$85. so. Since rolls are currently available of the latter in the Boston area, the coins in brilliant Mint State, intelligent collectors can draw their own conclusions as to the relative importance of the above lot and to the reliability of the Whitman publication in this instance.

- 1145 1820. Large O, wide date. B-1. Also, 1835. Close date; period after C. B-5, State C. Both R-2. Very Good, deeply tarnished. Latter of interest as a die state lacking in the highly specialized W.G.C. offering. 2 Pcs.
- 1146 1820. **Small O**; large 5 as in 1821. B-4. Rarity 2. A superb, almost flawless, **proof-like "gem."** Evenly centered, irregular toning around borders. An excellent impression from dies, which, though retaining polish, have acquired some rust. Not a strict Proof, as the reverse displays some mint bloom; not a restrike, as this reverse comes worse rusted on coins dated 1821 including some proofs. Conceivably could be a "one-sided Proof" like some of the Cents of the eighteen twenties and thirties mentioned by Newcomb. Whatever it is, this lot is a thing of beauty and the best of the variety we have seen. From the 1912 Earle sale, lot 3052; the Hillyer Ryder collection. **Plate**

### One of the Finest Available 1823 Quarters

- 1147 1823/22. B-1; only the single variety of this date. Borderline R-7. About Very Fine; a rather weak, flat strike as on most specimens of this year. The perfectionist with a glass will find some minor evidence of obverse handling, the most obvious defects being three scratch-like marks in the l. abverse field. From old time dealer Ed Frossard, 4/26/1900, then called "V. Fine. Only a few better." In a single collection ever since. Cast \$100. fifty-seven years ago, but worth nine or ten times that today. **Plate**

In attempting to determine the actual rarity of this date, it was necessary to examine over one hundred auction catalogs. We have been able to trace just about twelve, the three finest of which we understand were discovered in Berlin by the late B. G. Johnson, over thirty-five years ago.

1. Weyl (?), B.G.J., Elmer Sears, Newcomer, A. J. Allen, G. Hall, Jerome Kern (via Clint Hester, with both '27's at \$7,500.), Kern "Golden Jubilee" sale, F. S. Guggenheimer. **"Proof."**

2. Weyl (?), B.G.J., Virgil Brand, C. David Pierce, ANA '47 auction, Edgar Levy. **AU.**

3. Weyl (?), B.G.J., F. C. C. Boyd, W.G.C. sale, Eliasberg coll. **EF.**

4. "Anderson DuPont" coll., lot 1798. **EF, obv. field dig.**

5. Granberg, Woodin, Col. Green, Williams, Menjou sale, Baldenhofer offering. This one pictured in the ANS, 1914 Catalog, Browning. 6. Atwater coll., lot 674. 7. The Frossard coin, herewith offered. All of these **Very Fine** or so.

8. Neil 892. **Fine.** 9. Atwater 675. **G-VG.** 10. John H. Clapp, "Lee" coll. **G-VG.** 11. Dunham 425, Dr. Green catalog. **Good.** 12. NN sale, 6/23/54, Gambert 777. **Good.**

One of the later pieces described above is reported in Yale University, ex Dr. Owens. Another worn and hardly desirable specimen, perhaps one of these also, was purchased at the Richmond MANA Convention by a western dealer, last year.

### Another Very Rare 1823/22 Quarter

- 1148 1823/22. Good to VG; evenly worn all over, with all of LIBERTY and E PL of motto legible. Obvious reverse rim nick at second arrow, but otherwise clean. A fully acceptable example of this rarity, and as indicated above, by no means the worst known. Originally in the John H. Clapp collection, later listed in the "H. R. Lee" catalog, lot 386. When offered in 1947, this coin was estimated at \$400. Today that might be a fair price, all things considered. **Plate**



## THE MOST DESIRABLE, UNCONTROVERSIAL, U. S. SILVER COIN Lot 1149

### The Excessively Rare 1827 Original Quarter

1827. Browning 1. **ORIGINAL**, with curved base 2 in 25 C. **Borderline R-8**. Splendid, lightly toned **Proof**. Choice, except for a few dull surface spots, the most prominent one on the obverse about the tenth star. Undoubtedly cleaned once, many years ago. Minute traces of rust can be found upon both dies, as on all originals known, together with a faint reverse die crack from D to first A in AMERICA along motto ribbon; the rust marks and crack show more heavily upon the regular business strikes of 1828 B-1, which has the identical reverse die of the 1827 original. **Of equal rarity to the 1804 Dollar of first type (the 1836-42 issue), but of infinitely greater desirability, as the original 1827 Quarter has never had the slightest shadow of controversy attached to it**, since Joseph J. Mickley obtained his four proofs from the Mint in the year of issue. There are, to the best of our knowledge, six proofs now extant (one owned by the Government in the Smithsonian, one allegedly in Yale University, and one impounded in the James Aloysius Stock estate), plus a solitary Very Fine or better piece (held in the Eliasberg collection), leaving but three specimens theoretically available to collectors, including the coin here offered. This example was initially in the Woldo Newcomer collection; it went in 1933 to B. Max Mehl, who sold it to A. J. Allen of New Jersey. From Mr. Allen it went to George H. Hall, of Pasadena, California. When Stack's handled the Hall collection, they sold this quarter (along with the "proof" 1823 and a restrike '27) to Jerome Kern via Clint Hester. We obtained it from Mr. Mehl sometime after his Golden Jubilee sale, and traded it to the late Wayne Raymond. It now gives us great pleasure to present this important rarity from the Raymond Estate. **Plate**

**The 1827 Original Quarter Dollar represents the rarest date U.S. silver coin actually made in the year dated.** Of the seven specimens known to us, four can be definitely traced back to the original owner, who obtained them at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, 130 years ago. While deserving recognition, the 1827 Quarter was never really publicized, unlike the overly touted 1804 Dollar, which was not made in 1804, but about thirty-five years later.

To fully understand the comparison between these two coins, one must carefully study early American Numismatic history. Then as now, the more opportunity (times offered) a dealer had to call a coin rare, the more likely it was to bring a high price. The 1827 Quarter, like the 1804 Dollar, was restruck, but the result so far as the quarter was concerned, proved a miserable bungle, which the perpetrators and their friends found difficult to foist upon the collecting public. The restruck 1804 Dollars (1858 and later) were comparatively authentic looking, and since examples of the presentable 1804 "Cart-wheel" were obtainable by people "in the know" on order from Mint officials, the 1804 Dollar myth was created and carefully kept alive. In so many words, the 1804 Dollar and to an even greater extent, the notorious 1913 Liberty head Nickel, are coins "created" by publicity, somewhat on the order of today's entertainment figures, who rely more upon Press Agents than upon genuine ability.

Within recent years, well known dealers on both the east and west coasts, have publicly offered the crudely muled (obv. of '27, rev. of 1819 B-2) 1827 "Restrike" Quarter solely by the Browning number, without identifying the piece even by inference as a restrike, much less as the mule it actually was and is. This method of merchandising discriminates against the original, contemporaneous coin, particularly since one of the officially made copies sold well over the \$2,000 mark. Both the old 1954-55 Raymond Standard Catalog and the 10th Edition Guidebook value the original 1827 Quarter at about three times the price of the so-called restrike. Therefore, we reason that if the later made mules are worth over \$2,000., **the original should be valued at \$6,000. or more.**

Appended is a list of the originals known to us, together with their pedigrees.

1. U.S. Mint. **Proof**.
2. The Newcomer coin, herewith offered. **Proof**.
3. Yale University. Ex Dr. Owens; (as reported). Probably the Granberg-Woodin coin, pictured in the ANS, 1914 Catalog. **Proof**.
4. James A. Stack estate. From B.G.J., 1942-43, before that, Col. Green. Undoubtedly, the Browning Plate coin. **Proof**.

5. F. S. Guggenheimer sole, (Stack's, 1953), lot 539. W. W. Neil 897; W.G.C. 89 (1945). Earlier, believed from the Mickley, Seavey, Parmelee coll's. **Proof.**

6. Farouk auction, lot 1688. There purchased by John J. Pittmon (and we believe now off the market). Ex Menjou 696 (Williams coll.). **Stained, more Unc. in appearance than Proof.**

7. Eliasberg collection. Ex Clapp. **Very Fine Plus.**

Nineteenth century records are equally sparse. One of the four original Mickley coins was stolen in the big robbery of his cabinet in 1866. Another was offered in the Seovey sale, Sept., 1863, lot 226, at \$225. A third was in the 1864 McCoy offering, and re-appeared with the Dr. Edwards estate in 1865. Mickley's last one went in 1867. Woodward's first Ferguson Haines auction, November, 1880, contained a proof (lot 727), which later reappeared in the Burton sale, December, 1881, lot 694. Parmelee owned the Seavey collection, and presumably the coin in his sole (1890), was the Mickley-Seovey piece; illustrated.

Various important dealers agree with us concerning the rarity and desirability of the 1827 Original Quarter, particularly in connection with the 1804 Dollar. We quote their published views, in clear substantiation of our statements: "It is our sincere belief that (the) 1827 quarter is much more rare than the so-called 'King of American Silver Coins,' the 1804 Dollar."—Abe Kosoff, 1945; "There is no U.S. silver coin of any series more rare than the 1827 Original Quarter-Dollar." —B. Max Mehl, 1947; "It is this cataloger's belief that the 1827 Quarter is rarer than the 'King of the United States Silver Coins,' the 1804 Dollar."—Morton Stack, 1953.

- 1150 **1828. B-4. Brilliant Proof. R-6** as such. Slight evidence of handling, particularly in the left obverse field, as with most other proofs of this date. This beauty still retains, however, in addition to its lovely surface, full, even sharpness, together with a square border (upon either side) and a partial wire edge as seen on the 1827 proof just offered. From our records, this is the third 1828 proof to be offered at auction in the last sixteen years. First was the "DuPont" specimen, B-2, sold in 1954 at \$200., and second was the Cleneay, Allenburger, T. J. Clarke piece, B-4, sold by us last year. At least two hundred times as rare as a '36 Proof Set, and to the informed collector, easily ten thousand times as desirable. Ex Earle sale, lot 3065; Ryder collection. **Plate**
- 1151 **1842 "O".** Large date; small mintmark over r. part of R and space following. About Very Fine, the obverse slightly weak. Nicely toned and free of imperfections. The W.G.C. example was also only VF.
- 1152 **1845.** In date 845 first cut to left, then recut in proper position. **Brilliant Proof. High R-6** as such. Cleaned years ago, but a perfect strike with full stars, square borders and wire edge. This piece is slowly acquiring an attractive peripheral tone, like the 1828 above. Originally lot 3088 of the celebrated Earle sale, held forty-five years ago, later in the Ryder coll. If an 1855 Proof Quarter is worth \$85. today, this lot should bring \$125. or more. **Plate**
- 1153 **1847.** Superb, **bright Proof. R-7** as such. Virtually a "gem" coin, being fully brilliant and almost flawless. As near to perfection as one should hope to see a 19th Century "classic" American coin. Superior to the Atwater specimen, which dealer Mehl described as follows: "Excessively rare in this remarkable condition. I doubt very much if as many as a half dozen proofs exist. It is almost priceless." From an Elder sale, April 11, 1928; Hillyer Ryder. **Plate**
- 1154 **1848.** Lightly tarnished, mostly **brilliant Proof. R-7** as such. Clean and choice, except for four infinitesimal marks in the r. obverse field where another coin dropped upon this one, probably at the Mint. Reverse from the same die as last. We have been unable to locate any auction records for this date in proof, although at least five examples including this Ryder coin are known, one of them in the Smithsonian. **Plate**

### **The Very Rare 1853 Quarter Without Arrows or Rays**

- 1155 **1853/52.** Without arrows or rays. Uncirculated. With considerable mint bloom, the reverse especially showing brown and blue tarnish. Boldly struck, generally attractive, though undoubtedly cleaned many years ago. Minor planchet defect (as made) in the upper l. reverse field, which certainly does not detract from the importance or value of this rarity. The Davis-Graves lot, sold April 8, 1954, brought \$195., while the "DuPont" piece realized \$180., seven months later. About a half dozen Mint State specimens have been making



the rounds in recent years, creating the illusion that this rarity in top condition is generally available. Actually, nothing could be further from the truth. Purchased at Elder's 51st sale, June 28, 1911 by Hillyer Ryder, and described by him as "Excessively rare so choice." **Plate**

- 1156 **Duplicate 1853/52**; without arrows or rays. Extremely Fine. Light golden-brown and dull gray tarnish; tiny, hardly noticeable obverse border nick. Though not fully Unc., this is still far above average for the coin and worth a good price. The Guggenheimer piece brought \$80. four years ago, and it was not nearly as sharp as this one; Menjou's was only VF, etc. **Plate**  
 In July, 1853, most of the small mintage of 1853/52 Quarters of the old weight, some 44,200 coins, was melted (as worth over face value), and for this there exists documentary evidence. Unfortunately, we do not know how much of the several million in "old tenor" silver melted in the latter half of 1853 comprised 1853/52 Quarters. We do know that at least \$1,000,000. of it came from New Orleans, and probably included various coins of 1851-52 and '53 "O" Half Dimes. At any rate, it is the combination of low mintage and wholesale melting that has made the 1853/52 a real rarity, recognized as such for nearly a century.
- 1157 1859. Delicately mottled Proof. Traces of handling, visible only under a glass. Uncommonly rare, far more so than the dates in the sixties of which 460 to 725 were made.
- 1158 1860. Choice Proof, some golden-brown tarnish. Almost as hard to locate as the last.
- 1159 1861. Richly toned, slightly iridescent "virgin" Proof. Ex "H. R. Lee" 428.
- 1160 1865. Mostly brilliant Proof. Exactly 500 proofs struck.
- 1161 1868. Proof. Obverse brilliant, the reverse partly toned down. Just 600 proofs made.
- 1162 1871. Splendid, lightly toned Proof. Decidedly a premium coin, free from any sign of improper cleaning or "improvement." Now bringing double Guide-book, or \$24.00.
- 1163 **1874 "S". Arrows.** Just about Ex. Fine, with traces of original lustre. Hardly a bold strike; very few microscopic indications of handling about the reverse rim. A true type coin, and in increasing demand as such. Despite a search through many auction catalogs, we could only locate two records for this mint-mark Unc. (possibly representing the same coin), those being in the Atwater and Menjou offerings. The great W.G.C. and "DuPont" sales, plus the recent Schulman-Kreisberg catalog, could only offer comparable specimens (that in the last mentioned "poisoned" by a double dose of cyanide); Davis-Graves, Melish, Donlon, among others, had none. Worthy of a good price; an item worth watching!
- 1164 **1879.** Proof. Hardly in full brilliancy, the obverse displaying minor signs of cleaning. **Only 250 proofs issued in this year, the lowest recorded mintage from 1863 to 1915.** Highly underrated, as most of the "proofs" offered are first-strikes or "semi-proof" Mint State coins.
- 1165 1880. Brilliant Proof. Hardly noticeable evidence of abrasion upon the obverse rim, a tarnish streak from the border through first three stars.
- 1166 1882. Bright Proof. Streaks of reverse tarnish.
- 1167 1885. Extra choice Proof; some iridescent tarnish. Valued to \$23.50 so fine.
- 1168 **Barber or Liberty head design.** 1892. Type II. Wing on reverse covers part of R in AMERICA. Boldly struck Proof. Generally brilliant, some slate-colored toning upon the obverse.
- 1169 Another Proof. An uncleaned "virgin" impression with some obverse tarnish. Bringing \$17.50.
- 1170 1894. Brilliant, glittering Proof. Traces of yellow patina upon the obverse.
- 1171 1895. Lightly toned, lilac Proof. Scarcer than last.
- 1172 1896. Proof. Delicately tarnished in a variety of colors. One brought \$26.50 in the Schulman-Kreisberg sale of last January.
- 1173 1897. Brilliant "gem" Proof. This date also in heavy demand, with fewer coined in proof than the last.
- 1174 1898. Subtly toned Proof, also of top quality. Today valued to \$27.50 or more.
- 1175 1899. Relatively bright Proof, with rich iridescent tarnish. For some reason, now an uncommon year.
- 1176 1900. A brilliant Proof, just short of perfection. One equal to this brought \$19.50 some months ago.
- 1177 1900 "S". Lustrous Unc., light tone and tarnish. An early strike from dies retaining polish, but the obverse clearly cracked through last numeral of date, top and bottom of bust, stars and motto. Record of \$40. in the 1954 "DuPont" auction.

- 1178 1901. Brilliant Proof. Suggestions of tarnish, almost gem-like in appearance. Seemingly in the \$22.50 class.
- 1179 1902. A choice Proof; desirable iridescent tarnish. Schulman-Kreisberg at \$21.00.
- 1180 1909. Fully brilliant Proof. Oddly "milled" border upon both sides, as commonly seen upon many Barber Quarters. Only 650 proofs made in this year; the specimen in the second "Menjou" sale sold for \$31.00.
- 1181 1911. Bright Proof, indications of toning upon the reverse. Really low emission of 543 proofs. This date infrequently offered during the past year or so.
- 1182 1912. Mostly brilliant Proof, a microscopic surface nick in the r. obverse field. Also, 1901. Tarnished, rather dull Unc. Records for both to \$33.50. 2 Pcs.
- 1183 1913. Glittering, "gem" Proof. Just 613 proofs made; in great demand and exceptionally difficult to locate.
- 1184 Duplicate Proof. The obverse brilliant, reverse with pale gray and blue tone. A date to watch!
- 1185 1914. Brilliant Proof. This year, with the lowest number of proofs issued (380) in the Barber series, has just about reached the \$100. mark. As long ago as September, 1953, we sold one in our 41st sale for \$52.50.
- 1186 1919 "S", 1926 and 1929. Liberty Standing type. First mostly Fine, second EF and lustrous; the '29 deeply toned Unc., although hardly bold. Valued to \$25.00. 3 Pcs.
- 1187 1932, 34 Light motto, 35 and 1936. Washington Quarters. Second the very scarce and often unnoticed "Type of '32" variety. Mostly brilliant Unc., considerable obverse border tarnish. Listed to \$15.00. 4 Pcs.
- 1188 1932 "S". Choice Unc. With full mint bloom, some unimportant tarnish. Cleaner than most. Guidebook at \$25.00.
- 1189 1932 "D". Mostly bright Unc., the obverse only displaying indications of tarnish. Extra nice; completely free of blemishes. In great demand!
- 1190 1934 "D" and 1935 "D". Full frosty Unc. With edge tarnish only. Uncommon. 2 Pcs.
- 1191 1935 "S" and 1936 "S". Brilliant Unc. Really choice; definitely free of the infinitesimal bag marks often found upon these coins (as, for instance, on the '34 "D" in the last lot). Scarce pair. 2 Pcs.
- 1192 1936 "D". Unusually bright Unc. Unimportant signs of abrasion upon the obverse; with the inevitable edge tarnish. Almost as popular as the '32 "D", not yet as valuable.
- 1193 Remainder of the Washington Quarters: Partial set, 1937 to 1943 "D" inclusive. Mostly brilliant and clean Unc. Lacks only the '42 "S" (as mounted in small Raymond pages, Nos. 380-A, 380-B). Bringing more than the Guidebook listing of \$57.60. 19 Pcs.
- 1194 1940. Brilliant Proof. Plus, 1945, '45 "S", 45 "D", 46 and 1946 "S". Generally bright Unc., some iridescent toning. 6 Pcs.
- 1195 **Complete set of Washington Quarters, 1932 to 1948 "D"**. The 1934 with heavy motto on obverse. Choice Unc., the earlier pieces in full brilliancy, but showing some peripheral tarnish. Mtd. in small Raymond pages (1932-43 "D"), Nos. 380, 380-A and B. First page with a single notation on it, otherwise new (as in lot 1193 above). Should bring \$200. or more, with ease. 46 Pcs.

### Half Dollars

- 1196 1795. Besitle 1-A; Haseltine 1. Regular head; two leaves under wings. Good or better, fully legible. Even wear; free from mishandling except for a slight obverse edge dent. Worse have brought \$20.00.

### The Extremely Rare Small Head Type of 1795

- 1197 1795. **B. 17-V; H-24**. Head smaller and of entirely different shape from that on the other 1794-95 obverses (except Nos. 15 and 19 which are also Small Head dies). The reverse is also distinctive in having a period centered in field (at bottom) between ribbons (on the order of the 1936 Canadian "dot" coins). Marked EF, this nicely toned piece has some mint bloom, but is so weakly struck on the head and middle, lower parts of the eagle, that we have difficulty in grading it. VF or EF—anyone's guess, as it is hard to see where weak striking leaves off and wear (there is certainly no more than a trifle) begins. Of extreme rarity, the only identifiable auction record being W.G.C. 56, and that for only a VG-Fine example. We cataloged a B. 19a-Gb as Extremely Fine in the 1952 ANA Convention sale, and saw it



bring \$72.50 against a \$150. bid, on that depressed market. The coin here offered was priced at \$100., years ago. **Obverse illustrated on Beistle Plate, 17;** reverse far superior to the Beistle Plate coin. Ex Beistle, Col. Green, B. G. Johnson, Pittsburgh's Manning coll. **Plate**

The 1795 Small Head Half Dollar is as much a type as the three leaves variety, and is of much greater rarity.

- 1198 **1805/4. B. 2-C; H-3. Wide, clear overdate; the 4 completely visible.** Strictly Very Fine for the coin, weakly struck towards the top of the obverse; attractive iridescent toning. Of extreme rarity, and really a type item, as this differs markedly from the three varieties with close date, which together constitute a much commoner type. As on the '95 B. 17-V, it is difficult to tell where weak striking leaves off, and wear begins. Cheap at \$75. VF; none known better than EF. **Plate**
- 1199 **1806/5. B. 10c-Ra; H-4 (?).** Knobbed 6, point of 5 at tip. Rev. Five berries. Choice Uncirculated. Pale lilac-gray tone; not a bold strike, but pristine. Unpublished, advanced die crack; obverse, from rim through 1st star to curls, cheek, point of chin. A lot of this caliber could bring \$100.00.
- 1200 1811. Large 8. B. 4a-Ea; not in Haseltine. Brilliant "gem" Unc., acquiring the faintest traces of a pale gold tone. Fully sharp, the obverse seemingly cameo-like. This type, with the 8 as of 1812-17, is seldom found choice. We sold the somewhat flat T. J. Clarke B. 5-F for a low \$21. last year; in comparison, this impression should command all of \$35.00.
- Neither large 8 variety of 1811 was known to Haseltine, and in our opinion, the above lot would still be underrated, even at our \$35. estimate.
- 1201 1812. Perfect date. B. 4-D; H-3. Lustrous Uncirculated. Delicate gray toning; signs of flatness on Liberty's nostril, three or four curls. Similar coins readily bring \$12. to \$16. today. Ex John H. Clapp; originally in the Brown coll. (1897).
- 1202 1813. Normal dies. B. 2-B; H-2. (Identifiable by a die defect within upper corner of 3.) Strictly Unc., but with minor touches of cabinet friction. Lustrous, some iridescent tarnish. Similar to the first Clarke lot which brought \$16. on a \$15. estimate. Ex Clapp also; earlier in the Harlan P. Smith coll. (1906).
- 1203 1818/17. B. 1a-J; H-3 (Large first 8): 1821 B. 3-Ca; H-1: 1822 B. 10-K; H-4. Close to Very Fine average. First a definite type coin, as the overdate also comes with small 8's. 3 Pcs.
- 1204 "1824/4" (4 first cut too far left, then corrected). B. 6-E; H-11 (?). Ex. Fine, deeply toned; unimportant reverse rim bruising. Plus, 1824/21. B. 7-F; H-3. Clear double profile. Ex. Fine plus. Highly lustrous, but showing minute indications of handling. First a type coin, and one often confused with the real overdate. From J. H. Clapp. 2 Pcs.
- 1205 1825. B. 11-L; not in Haseltine. Low 8 leaning r. Choice Unc. Planchet slightly flattened at top and bottom border milling as made. Partly toned to a golden-brown with deep blue and violet iridescence towards the edge. Worth \$10. Ex Clapp.
- 1206 1826 (B. 1-A, H-2); 27 Sq. Based 2 (B. 4-C, unlisted combination, H-13); 30 Small 0 (B. 12-L); 33 Unidentifiable; finally, 1834 SD, SS, SL, with small C in 50 C., also unidentifiable. Abt. EF; Ex. Fine; close to VF with small scratch, "X" cut on reverse; Fine plus and Very Fine. 5 Pcs.
- 1207 1828. Sq. Based 2, large 8's (B. 5-G, not in H.; Clapp 7, "RR"): Small 8's (unlisted, similar to Beistle obv. 6). Plus, 1834 LD, SL (unlisted). The '28's VF, last a toned AU with tiny nick upon Liberty's neck. 3 Pcs.
- 1208 **1831.** Not in Beistle; similar to H-1; C-9. Perfect 1's. Faint **diagonal reeding** (engrailing) **on edge** between words; the first time seen by us. Blundered edge, HOARLF A DOLLAR. Mostly brilliant Unc. Choice; delicately toned. Probably quite rare. Ex John H. Clapp.
- Many 1831 Half Dollars have vertical reeding between the words, as in 1832-36. A far larger number have blank space between words, as on 1807-30. We have never seen any other specimens with diagonal reeding; apparently, this was a brief experiment confined to a small part of 1831.
- 1209 1831. B. 7-C. Perfect 1's with shorter serifs. Vertical reeding between words on edge, as in 1832. Brilliant Unc., and a first-strike. Very slight but extensive signs of contact with other coins. Superior to the Newcomer, Green, T. J. Clarke lot. Ex Manning coll. Worth \$12.50 today!
- 1210 1832. Small letters. B. 2-E; H-6. Recut 5 on reverse. Lightly toned Unc., minor obverse evidence of bag handling. Ex Clapp coll.
- 1211 1838. Very Fine plus. Heavily tarnished; two or three small reverse rim nicks. Also, 1851 "O" and 1853 "O" Arrows and Rays. Ex. Fine and Good over-

- age. First with picayune handling marks, second with two or three tiny obverse digs. 3 Pcs.
- 1212 1840. Liberty seated; small reverse letters. Bright Uncirculated, with full original frost. In spite of minor abrasion marks, a real beauty. The "DuPont" example, surely no better than this one, realized \$18. on the floor nearly three years ago; Clarke had none. The present coin, from the Manning coll., has been valued to \$25.00.
- 1213 1840 "O". A weak strike from lightly rusted dies, but strictly Unc. Attractive gold-brown and bluish toning, few microscopic imperfections. Clarke's was only a scratched EF. Guidebook at \$15. Unc.
- 1214 1840. **Large letters on rev.**, as in 1838. Just about Extremely Fine. Evenly toned and quite presentable in appearance, but a second glance reveals several light scratches in the upper r. obverse field. Superior to the "DuPont" lot at \$40. RR, and a true type coin.
- 1215 1842. Large date. A highly desirable first-strike, nicely toned, mainly to a steel-blue. Absolutely "virgin," without the slightest whisper of good or bad cleaning, and worth a decided premium so. From the Manning coll. of Pittsburgh.
- 1216 1842 "O". Large date. Brilliant "semi-proof." An uneven impression from badly cracked dies which were undoubtedly polished just prior to striking. Not quite perfect, as we note two or three minute rim nicks. One of those coins often peddled as a branch mint proof; in this instance understandably, as there is a square border and partial wire edge. Decidedly unusual.
- 1217 1843 "O". Mintmark leans well to l. Choice Unc., irregularly toned about the borders.
- 1218 1844. Uncirculated. Acquiring light tone towards the edge. Guidebook at \$12.00.
- 1219 1844 "O". **Double cut date**; date first cut high above in the truncation of the base of Liberty, and then recut below in proper position. Extremely Fine or better, though marked AU; cleaned, but considerable lustre remains. Regardless of slight handling marks upon the obverse rim of this piece, it is far superior to the "DuPont" coin, and slightly better than the one we sold with the Clarke collection at \$80. Ex Manning. RRR, and fairly valued to \$125.00.
- 1220 1846. Small date (same punches as the "medium" date on the '46 Cents). Brilliant "gem" Uncirculated, despite a bag nick or so upon Liberty's thigh. From the 1946 Atwater sale, lot 478, at the then astonishing figure of \$16.50.
- 1221 1846. **Over horizontal 6**. Abt. Very Fine. Rim break below date, possibly the cause of the early discard of this die and its consequent rarity. One of the most sought after of Mint blunders.
- 1222 1846 "O". **Tall date**. Barely VF, toned (like the last); comparatively clean, and hardly ever seen better. This coin, unknown to Beistle, is rarer than the '46 over lazy 6 half just offered. Since most of the '46 "O" Tall dates sold are anything but, we are illustrating this piece. **Plate**
- 1223 1847 "O". Thin, timidly cut figures. Uncirculated. Hardly bold; nicely toned to a pale honey color with blue around the borders. The Clarke coin established a record at \$11.00.
- 1224 1848 "O". Uncirculated. A close match for the last, in striking, condition and toning. Superior to Clarke's, and somewhat scarcer than the '47 "O".
- 1225 1849 "O". Beautifully toned Unc. Minor signs of contact with other coins, otherwise a "gem." Underpriced choice, as are almost all of these.
- 1226 1850 "O". Deeply and irregularly, but nicely toned Unc. Exceptionally clean and desirable.
- 1227 1852 "O". Very Fine; slight obverse scratch between the 10th and 11th stars. Decidedly rare; comparatively low mintage of 144,000 pieces, and most of it melted after July, 1853, as worth in excess of face. None in Clarke, Donlon or many other large offerings.
- 1228 1854 "O". Arrows; no rays. Brilliant Unc. "gem." Splendidly struck, light gray tone.
- 1229 Duplicate. Brilliant Unc. With full mint frost, traces of tarnish. Struck from shattered dies, different from foregoing. Cheap at \$10. so fine.
- 1230 1855 "O". Arrows. Superb Unc. A magnificent impression, showing a light tone upon the obverse. The finest we remember seeing!
- 1231 1855 "S". Arrows. Large S. Obverse Good, reverse Very Good. Light, curved obverse scratch between last numeral of date and arrow. One of the three



- rarest "S" Mint halves; deserves its popularity far more than does the highly touted 1919 "S", being about one thousand times as rare.
- 1232 1856 and 1856 "O". Lightly toned and mostly bright Unc. Second with infinitesimal bag marks, as almost inevitably upon these coins. 2 Pcs.
- 1233 **1856 "S"**. Large S. Extremely Fine and brilliant, but lightly scratched in the right obverse field, and, to a lesser extent, upon the reverse, between the eagle's head and OF A(MERICA). The scratches are shallow, and do not disturb the design. Better than it sounds, and worthy of examination.
- 1234 1857 "O". Choice Unc. A lovely, delicately toned early impression. Hardly visible signs of rubbing at Liberty's right knee. Red book at \$11.00, and well worth it.
- 1235 1858 "O". One thin line of drapery at elbow. Lustrous Unc., desirable pale tone. In addition, 1859 "O". Brilliant "gem" Unc., acquiring touches of light brown toning. Valued at double the Guidebook valuation so nice. 2 Pcs.
- 1236 **1858 "S"**. Medium S. Very Fine, dull gray tone. Ex "H. R. Lee," lot 602. Record \$24., Donlon sale.
- 1237 1859. Almost fully brilliant Proof. Scarce year so, and seldom offered.
- 1238 **1859 "S"**. Large S. About Extremely Fine; dull, but lustrous light gray tone. Clarke's was only Fine; Melish and Donlon had none. The "DuPont" lot exceeded this only slightly, and still brought \$27.50 in 1954. Ex "H. R. Lee" 604.
- 1239 1860. Bright, glittering Proof. Unusually choice, and well worth \$42.50 today.
- 1240 1860 "O". Delicate letters (weakly cut die). Brilliant, just about "gem" Unc., traces of golden-brown and blue tone at borders. Only a bag mark or so away from perfection. "DuPont's" was only EF.
- 1241 1861 "O". Brilliant Unc., choice. Signs of tarnish, a few handling defects, but absolutely "virgin," like so many of these. Popular, because of the CSA tie-in; will probably bring \$10.00.
- 1242 **1861 "O". Cracked CSA Obverse** (B. 5-D). Close to Extremely Fine. Traces of reverse dirt; minor signs of handling, including an unimportant reverse rim nick. The obverse of this coin struck from the Liberty Seated die used earlier (April, '61) on the four original CSA Pattern halves, with same crack from edge to bridge of nose as seen on the ANS's original (fully authenticated) CSA Proof. **Absolutely struck by the Confederacy, and so unconditionally guaranteed.** The superior specimen in our Clarke sale, April 20th last year, brought \$100.00.
- 1243 1861 "S". Large S. Select, brilliant Unc. A truly exceptional coin! "DuPont's" sold for \$35., Donlon's \$27.50 (probably under the stimulus provided by the label "Very Rare"), however, neither excelled this example.
- 1244 1862. Mostly brilliant, above average, Proof. Deeply toned; few microscopic lint marks as made.
- 1245 1862 "S" Lg. S, 1868 "S" and 1869 "S" Small S. Fine to VF with rev. planchet defect, and Extremely Fine plus (2). Last two choice and valuable; the trio lot worth \$25. or more. 3 Pcs.
- 1246 1863 "S" and 1870 "S", each with small mintmark. Abt. Unc. and Fine plus; latter very weak struck (the S almost invisible and unnoticed by Mr. Eliasberg). Decidedly uncommon. 2 Pcs.
- 1247 1864 "S". Small S. Lustrous Unc., some golden patina upon the reverse. Attractive, and fully desirable, in spite of two or three small border nicks. Guidebook \$16., the '54 "DuPont" auction \$25.00.
- 1248 1865. Mostly perfect and brilliant Proof. Exactly 500 proofs struck in this year.
- 1249 1865 "S". Regular small S; 1 in date recut. An uncirculated impression taken from a shattered reverse die. Faint signs of once having been cleaned. Record of \$25. also, in the 1954 "DuPont" offering.

### The Very Rare 1866 "S" Half Dollar Without Motto

- 1250 **1866 "S". Without motto.** Final year of the type, and lowest coinage (60,000); considerably rarer even than 1855 "S". **Choice, mostly brilliant Unc.** Highly desirable, despite slight evidence of old and skilful cleaning, an infinitesimal obverse rim nick. We understand that this specimen was once in the great Parmelee collection; it was purchased by us in 1951, and consigned to our Thirty-Sixth sale, Jan. 26, 1952, lot 239. It was there purchased by the late Wayte Raymond, and is herewith offered from his estate. This and the '78 "S" are the rarest San Francisco Mint halves known to exist (1873 "S" without arrows is still not located). Worthy of a record price! **Plate**

We can account for not more than five 1866 "S" no motto halves in top condition: (1) "DuPont" sale, \$285. (2) Atwater coll. (3) Baldenhofer auction (possibly the Atwater coin). (4) E. M. Wharton offering, 1945 (we have not seen this or the last two and cannot guarantee that they are strictly Mint State). (5) The coin here offered. The recently sold Morgan-Donlon EF example brought \$125., W.G.C.'s was no better. G. H. Hall, "H. R. Lee," Williams (Menjou, 1950), Guggenheimer and Gambert had only VF pieces. Dunham's was F-VF, Neil and Kern had Fine ones, H. Gibbs about Fine, Dr. Green VG. Geiss, Melish and most other big sales of the past twelve years had none. We sold the Fine to VF specimen in the Clarke sale for \$45., clearly proving that the Guidebook prices of \$10. Fine and \$80. Unc. are erroneous at both ends of the scale.

- 1251 1866 "S". Motto. Extremely Fine. Slightly lustrous; small reverse border nick, lightly abraded upon the obverse. Underrated initial type coin, the first year with motto.
- 1252 1867. Brilliant, sharp Proof. Extra nice! Schulman-Kreisberg sale at \$32., five months ago.
- 1253 1867 "S". Tiny, highly placed S. Brilliant Unc. Nice, with full original frost; comparatively clean. Much rarer so than commonly supposed. The W.G.C. lot was EF, Kern's Golden Jubilee piece AU, the Williams (Menjou, 1950) coin Fine, Gibbs (from our '52 ANA auction) VF, "DuPont" EF, Donlon VG, and the recently sold Manning coin (second "Menjou" sale) AU. Clarke and Melish, among others, had none. In fact, the only record of a strictly Mint State one we can locate is the Atwater example, which brought 22½% over its estimate, and which may be this very coin. Evidently long underrated.
- 1254 1868. Subtly toned Proof. Almost in full brilliancy, exceptionally desirable. Now valued to \$35.00.
- 1255 1870 "S". **Without drapery.** About Unc., the obverse with a bright "semi-proof" surface. Far better than the VF W.G.C. specimen of this uncommon variety.
- 1256 1870 "CC". Not quite Fine obv., Fine or better reverse. Clean, even wear; everything legible except BER in LIBERTY. A well known rarity; only 54,617 minted in this first year. Old records to \$29.00.
- 1257 1871 "S". Minute mintmark. A lustrous Ex. Fine; two small reverse border nicks. Purchased as "Unc." Examples similarly graded appeared in the Neil, Kern and Baldenhofer sales. Other collections have boasted only Fine to EF coins. Decidedly uncommon.

### **Very Rare Early-Strike 1871 Carson City Half Dollar**

- 1258 1871 "CC". Lightly toned, "gem" Uncirculated. The obverse could be readily mistaken for brilliant proof; reverse has the usual mint bloom. This piece is pristine, and practically free of bag marks. It would be impossible to duplicate today, even at \$200. Despite much search, we have been unable to find any record for an Uncirculated specimen, other than the "DuPont" coin at \$170. Atwater's was AU, one in the 1950 Menjou sale VF, Neil and Gibbs had F-VF ones, Kern's was only VG, etc. A very rare mintmark in prohibitively rare preservation. **Plate**
- 1259 1872 "S". Rather large S. Unusually choice Unc., lightly toned; two or three reverse handling marks away from Superb. One of the three or four best ones we have seen. "DuPont's," not as nice, realized \$30. in 1954.
- 1260 1872 "CC". Just about Very Fine. Clean, uniform wear; free from blemishes. Allegedly has records to \$50. RR.
- 1261 1874 "S". **Arrows.** Very small mintmark, closely placed to claw and tip of arrow feather. Just about fully brilliant Unc., with complete, original lustre. Unimportant evidence of contact with other coins, hardly worth mentioning. Possibly the Atwater lot. Easily the equal of the "DuPont" coin at \$80. Outside of the Clarke sale piece, we know no other records of strictly mint examples of this mintmark. Due for a sharp rise in value as collectors begin to appreciate it as a type coin. This and the '73 are the only San Francisco Mint dates with both arrows and motto. Ex Manning coll.
- 1262 1875 "S". Two distinct varieties: First with tiny S, placed very high between feather tip and stem. Brilliant Unc., trifling evidence of mint abrasion upon Liberty's weakly struck head. Second with a rather large S, tilted crazily to the left, just above F of HALF, D of DOL. Richly toned Uncirculated; impaired slightly by light field scratches, three pinpoint nicks above reverse arrows. Last highly unusual; a must for a fancier of regular "mint errors." 2 Pcs.
- 1263 1875 "CC". Choice Unc. A beautiful, frosty coin, showing light border tarnish. Cheap compared to the highly touted modern coins (many of which the "hucksters" have in rolls).



- 1264 1876 "S" and 1877 "S". Both Type I (split berry left of claw). Small S and microscopic S, the second about half the size of the first. Nicely toned Unc., the '77 "S" a first-strike with considerable proof-like lustre. Should be worth \$20.00. 2 Pcs.
- 1265 1876 "CC". Type I, as above. Iridescently toned Unc., just about of "gem" grade. The Atwater catalog mentions a 1944 record of \$8.50. The "DuPont" example, ten years later, brought only \$10. In the same period of time, the 1901 "S" half (for instance) has been inflated more than fifty times in price. The difference is due partly to rarity, partly to clever exploitation.
- 1266 1877. Type II: Pointed berry left of claw (an altogether different hub). **Mint error or "Freak."** Struck off-center (about 3/16", the widest border about 1 o'clock on obverse, 5 o'clock on reverse); plain edge. Choice Uncirculated, limited signs of brown tarnish. Decidedly uncommon denomination; should attract considerable attention.
- 1267 1877 "CC". Type II. Mostly brilliant Unc., developing irregular tarnish. Minor signs of contact with other coins. For some unknown reason, not in "DuPont."
- 1268 1879. Gorgeous, bright Proof. Recent records of \$33.-35.00.
- 1269 1883. Subtly toned Proof; infinitesimal blemish in the upper r. obverse field.
- 1270 1885. Magnificent iridescent Proof. Trace of tarnish below 1 of date. These scarce issues are just beginning to come into their own.
- 1271 1889. Proof. Almost fully brilliant and choice. It would not surprise us, if this lot (for example), brought \$40.-45. upon today's firm market.
- 1272 **Barber or Liberty head design.** 1892. Bright, extra nice Proof. Brings over \$30.00.
- 1273 1893. Brilliant, flawless Proof. Schulman-Kreisberg auction at \$48.00.
- 1274 **1893 "S".** The S partly filled up by a die defect. Brilliant Unc. With a uniform coating of original lustre, minor indications of bag handling. Recent sale prices include \$61. for the Donlon lot, \$59.50 in the second "Menjou" offering. "DuPont's" was only VF.
- 1275 1894. Proof. Obverse brilliant, reverse delicately toned. Suggestions of tarnish; virtually a "gem."
- 1276 1894 "O". Uncirculated. Frosty, slight obverse tarnish. Hardly perfect, but still better than Melish's "barely circulated" coin at \$35. The high record for this item was established at the 1953 ANA Convention sale in Dallas: \$48.00.
- 1277 1895. Fully bright Proof. Light, hardly visible tarnish stains. Schulman-Kreisberg at \$52.00.
- 1278 **1895 "O".** Brilliant Unc. Choice; some golden patina about the borders. Will probably be called a "gem" by its lucky buyer despite the tiny abrasion marks. Worth more than the "DuPont" record of \$42.50.
- 1279 **1895 "S".** Extra bright, frosty Unc. This early and bold strike shows some evidence of contact with other coins, mainly upon its borders, but it remains one of the best we have seen. Donlon's sold for \$67.50 last November.
- 1280 1896. Beautiful, splendid Proof. Some tone, slight tarnish, which only adds to its appearance. Schulman-Kreisberg at \$47.00.
- 1281 1897. Brilliant, perfect Proof.
- 1282 Duplicate. Choice Proof; obverse bright, the reverse commencing to tarnish. This year brings over \$40. so.
- 1283 **1897 "O".** Brilliant, frosty Unc., iridescent peripheral toning. A weak strike, particularly so at the left side of the eagle upon the reverse, but a "virgin" . . . no trace whatever of cleaning or rubbing. Far more desirable than the pseudo-perfect coins often seen. We sold the Dr. Peake specimen for a record \$130., while Donlon's fetched a close \$125.00.
- 1284 1898. Brilliant Proof. The obverse developing light tarnish. Schulman-Kreisberg, \$40. and \$43.00.
- 1285 1899. Richly toned blue Proof, some pink-lilac tone upon either side.
- 1286 Another '99 Proof. Mostly bright, just beginning to tarnish. Microscopic flaw, as made, upon Liberty's cheek. Since there are now surely more than two thousand bonafide collectors looking for the 846 proofs made bearing the date 1899, this and all these other Barbers in proof should steadily increase in value.
- 1287 **1899 "S".** Re-engraved mintmark. Fully brilliant Unc. The high obverse points show minute evidence of mint abrasion (under a good glass); without them, this coin would rate the ultimate grade of Superb. Well worth \$50.00.
- 1288 **1901 "O".** Choice, frosty Unc., pale golden-brown toning. Liberty's face shows plainly that this coin was allowed to knock against its brethren in a Mint

hopper or bag. Nevertheless, the piece is strictly Mint, and a bold strike everywhere except on the eagle's l. shoulder. **A true "sleeper," in a series of few such hidden rarities.** Almost all of the modern sales we checked for this mintmark had rubbed or circulated examples; others, including our own Peake and the recent Schulman-Kreisberg offering, had none. For instance: Craig (Kosoff, 2/53) AU; McPherson (Stack's, 2/53) VF-EF; "DuPont" Fine. The only Uncirculated one we could locate brought 65% over its estimate at Dallas in '53; Danlan's AU (rubbed on head) sold for \$150., seven months ago. **Many dealers think this actually as rare as the 1901 "S",** which follows. **Plate**

### **The Very Rare 1901 "S" Half Dollar**

- 1289 **1901 "S".** Lightly tarnished Unc. Mint letter very weak; elsewhere struck up sharply, except at eagle's shoulders and claws, as usual upon this date. Mostly clean and choice. The high-water mark was \$550. in the '53 ANA Convention sale, "DuPont's" later brought \$475. Hard to locate in top condition, this well known S mint is rumored to have sold privately at \$600.00.  
**Plate**
- 1290 1902. Just about fully brilliant Proof. Strong, deep die impressions; really desirable. Now a \$35. coin!
- 1291 Duplicate. Pink, lilac and magnificent blue Proof. Never cleaned or doctored.
- 1292 1904. Mostly bright and attractive Proof. Just 670 proofs struck in this year.
- 1293 Another. A brilliant golden Proof. Unusually nice. Schulman-Kreisberg at \$41.00.

### **The Very Rare 1904 "S" Half Dollar**

- 1294 **1904 "S".** Lightly and beautifully toned "gem" Unc. What more need be said? This specimen is the equal of the exciting Dr. Peake coin, for which we obtained the world's record price of \$275., just two years ago. "DuPont" lacked the date altogether, as did Melish, Danlon and the recent "Menjou" sale.  
**Plate**
- 1295 1905. Proof. Almost fully brilliant and choice. Schulman-Kreisberg at \$44.00.
- 1296 **1905 "S".** Brilliant "gem" Unc., some golden patina about the borders. Slight, unimportant traces upon Liberty's head of brief contact with other coins when made. With full, original frost, like so many of these. Valued by Art Kagan and others at \$85., this San Francisco item has brought—"DuPont" \$45., Danlon \$48., second "Menjou" \$46.00.
- 1297 1906. Mostly bright, cameo sharp Proof. Mintage of 675 proofs.
- 1298 1906 "O". Somewhat dull, partly tarnished Unc. Still, with considerable reverse frost; this lot, after skilful cleaning, could merit the "gem" designation also. Sharp strike, free of noticeable imperfections. While priced at \$60., public auction figures for this one hover around the \$32.50 mark.
- 1299 1907 "O". "Mumps Variety." Swellings in die at neck and lower cheek. Choice Unc., the obverse with light gray, blue tone, the reverse approaching perfection. Worth a sizable premium, perhaps to the purchaser of another mint oddity, lot 1262 (the "tilted S" 1875).
- 1300 1907 "D". Extra bright Unc. Acquiring orange-brown, blue tarnish on the obverse border. Far above average, and worth \$15. so.
- 1301 1908 "O". Softly tarnished Unc. Pin point reverse nick, of little consequence. Also, 1908 "D". Lustrous gold toned Unc., unusually nice. Guidebook at \$28.50. 2 Pcs.
- 1302 1908 "S". Subtly toned Uncirculated. Pristine, but for a hard-to-see reverse edge nick. Decidedly better than the rubbed Peake or Danlon lots, the latter at \$50. "DuPont's" was EF, Melish had a VF one.
- 1303 1909 "S". Brilliant Unc., toning to delightful golden tints. Of "gem" quality, despite a rev. bag mark or so. Danlon's, surely no better, went at \$40.00.
- 1304 1910. Proof. Brilliant obverse, gray toned and tarnished reverse. Only 551 made. A really scarce date in proof, now commanding \$60.00.
- 1305 **1910 "S".** Bold, frosty Uncirculated; touched with pale gold. Record of \$45. for one not as desirable, contrary to the lower red book valuation.
- 1306 1911. Lightly tarnished "virgin" Proof. Low proof emission of 543 pieces. Schulman-Kreisberg at \$68.00.
- 1307 1911 "S". Slightly proof-like early impression, traces of obverse tarnish. Exceptionally nice and almost Superb. We sold the Peake lot for \$42.50, a still unequalled record.



- 1308 1911 "D". Lightly tarnished, fully lustrous Unc. Choice, though with two or three unimportant obverse bag nicks. A limited emission issue, which should increase in value. Peake's sold for \$27.50, June 17, 1955.
- 1309 1912. Brilliant, but lightly tarnished Proof. Recent record of \$51.00.
- 1310 1912 "D". Uncirculated. With full mint bloom, some patina, a mark upon Liberty's neck where another coin dropped upon this one. Should realize \$13.-15.00.
- 1311 **1913.** Just about perfect, brilliant Proof. The two examples in the Schulman-Kreisberg "Menjou" offering fetched \$127.50 and \$125.00.
- 1312 **Liberty Walking type. 1916 "S".** Uncirculated. A fairly good, uniformly lustrous strike. Obverse brilliant, the reverse toned. This is one of the legitimately scarce (low coinage) items of the series; less were made than of the 1921 "S", and fewer than in any date or mint of this type except '38 "D" (which was hoarded), '21 and 1921 "D".
- 1313 1916 "D". Unc., a few tiny handling marks. Similar to last, though the reverse with black tarnish, rather than tanning. Danlon's sold for \$21. an a \$20. estimate.
- 1314 1920. Lightly toned Unc., the obverse again brighter. Fairly good strike; cleaner than mast. The "DuPant" and Donlon coins share a \$26. record, but a beauty in the second "Menjou" offering brought \$33.00.
- 1315 1938. Mostly brilliant Proof. Just 8,152 made. Hardly common!
- 1316 1940. Partly bright Proof, the abverse border with same dark tarnish. Same 11,279 sold.
- 1317 Remainder of the halves. 1899 "O" VG, rev. lightly scratched; 1916 "D", 17, 18 "S" VF, slightly impaired; 18 "D", 34, 36, 38 Abt. Unc. and 1939. Usual circulated run, VG to about VF, with the exceptions noted. Also, 1941, 45, 45 "S", 45 "D", 46, 46 "S", 46 "D", 48, 49 and 1949 "D". Unc., brilliant or toned. The '49 Franklin lightly abraded. 19 Pcs.
- 1318 **Commemoratives.** 1893. Isabella Quarter. Cleaned Unc., few minor nicks upon the l. obverse rim.
- 1319 1900. Washington-Lafayette Dollar. Lightly tarnished Unc. In spite of several rim and/or other imperfections, trivial in nature, a highly acceptable example of this popular coin.
- 1320 1892. Columbian. Unevenly tarnished "semi-proof." Plus, 1920. Pilgrim. Brill. Unc. First now hard to locate so. 2 Pcs.
- 1321 1921. Alabama. Fully lustrous, choice Unc. Really scarce.
- 1322 1922 Grant and 1923 "S" Monroe. "Gem" Unc. and cleaned, partly retarnished Unc. 2 Pcs.
- 1323 1924 Huguenat-Walloon; 1925 Lexington. Frosty, slightly tarnished Unc., mostly bright Uncirculated. 2 Pcs.
- 1324 1925 Lexington; 1926 Sesquicentennial. Uncirculated. Much brilliance, some gray tarnish. 2 Pcs.
- 1325 1928, 1936 "S" Oregon Trail Memorial. First with defective borders as made. Lightly toned and tarnished Unc. 2 Pcs.
- 1326 1933 "D", 1936 "S" Oregans. Uncirculated. First lustrous but dullish, second mostly bright, but with traces of obverse tarnish. Uncommon pair. 2 Pcs.
- 1327 1938, 38 "S", 38 "D". Oregon set. Nicely toned Unc. Not as easy to obtain as they once were. 3 Pcs.
- 1328 1934. Texas Centennial. Also, 1935. Connecticut. Toned Unc. Last in strong demand. 2 Pcs.
- 1329 1935; 1936 "S" and "D" Boones. First heavily tarnished; the '36 pair mainly brilliant Unc. 3 Pcs.
- 1330 1936, 36 "S", 36 "D". Arkansas set. Delicately toned Unc. 3 Pcs.
- 1331 1937, 37 "S", 37 "D". Similar set. Lightly tarnished Unc. Hardly common! 3 Pcs.
- 1332 1936 "D" and 1939 "S" Arkansas coins. Choice Unc., the first with light pastel tanning. The '39 mintmark seldom offered outside of a set; one of the rarest Commemorative, only 2,104 issued. 2 Pcs.
- 1333 1936 "D" San Diego; 1936 Wisconsin. Brill. Unc., some moderate tarnish. 2 Pcs.
- 1334 1936 York; 1936 Bridgeport. Uncirculated, showing slight, iridescent tone. 2 Pcs.
- 1335 1936 Elgin; 1936 "S" Oakland Bay Bridge. Uncirculated. First with light, second heavy tarnish. 2 Pcs.
- 1336 1936. Albany, N. Y. Charter. Lustrous Unc., beginning to tarnish. Unusually popular; quite scarce.
- 1337 1936 "S" Oakland Bay Bridge; 1936 Robinson. Tarnished and toned Unc. 2 Pcs.

- 1338 1936 Robinson and 1937 Roanoke Island. Brilliant Unc., hints of tarnish. 2 Pcs.  
 1339 1936. Delaware. A coin authorized in 1936, struck in 1937, and dated 1938 on the reverse and 1936 on the obverse. Plus, the 1938 Swedish 2 Kroner piece, also commemorating the Tercentenary. Uncirculated; first with planchet granular about the obverse date. 2 Pcs.  
 1340 1938. New Rochelle, N. Y. Bright Unc., just commencing to tarnish. V. Scarce.  
 1341 1946, 46 "S", 46 "D" Booker T. Washington; 1954, 54 "S", 54 "D" Washington-Corver sets. Uncirculated. The Bookers toned, last trio brilliant. 6 Pcs.  
 1342 1946, 46 "S", 46 "D" Boaker set; 1953, 53 "S", 53 "D" and 1954, 54 "S", 54 "D" Washington-Carvers. Uncirculated as last, the '54 set with indications of tarnish. 9 Pcs.  
 1343 Set of Columbian Exposition coins. 1892, 93 Half Dollars; 1893 Isabella Quarter. Toned Unc., the '93 half softly struck, the Quarter extra nice. Should bring over \$30.00. 3 Pcs.

### Silver Dollars

- 1344 1795 (over 1195). Balender 1. One of the common varieties with two reverse leaves, but of interest as a type coin because the 7 in date was very obviously cut over a 1. Though this lustrous and clean, gray toned piece was obtained as EF, we feel it does not quite make that grade. Similar ones have sold for \$75.-85.00.  
 1345 Duplicate B-1. Very Good. An evenly worn and unblemished coin, excellent for the young type collector.  
 1346 1796. B-5a. Large date; small letters. Small die lump at r. top of 1 in AMERICA. Close to Very Fine, the reverse somewhat weak. Unpublished sliver out of obverse die, about 4 mm right of Liberty's chin. According to Balender, a \$60. item Fine, \$90. coin VF.  
 1347 Duplicate B-5. VG obv., Good reverse. Name "Anna" faintly pin scratched in hair, the reverse rim slightly bruised.  
 1348 1797. B-1, Sixteen stars, 9 x 7. Rev. Large letters. Barely Fine; two tiny obverse digs, one on rim, the other above B of LIBERTY. Far from the worst remaining out of 4,941 originally struck.  
 1349 1797. B-3. Sixteen stars, 10 x 6. Rev. Large letters. Fine for the coin, the reverse softly struck as always. Cleaner than most, in spite of minor evidence of handling. Valued to \$75., but being unappreciated, brings somewhat less.  
 1350 1798. B-6. Knob 9. Very Fine. This coin displays traces of lustre, but the center of the reverse shows serious adjustment marks and a single nick. Far superior to either of the Rumbel pieces we sold in 1952.  
 1351 1798. B-19. Painted 9; vertical die break from E of LIBERTY to 1 in date. Very Fine, medium gray tone. Criss-cross adjustment marks on and above reverse shield; minor obverse, sharp reverse rim nick. Very rare variety, valued at \$75. VF by Balender.  
 1352 1798. B-20a. Painted 9, date very wide; die defect between date and bust. Very Fine; some lustre, uneven tarnish. The reverse adjustment marks hardly worthy of mention. This dollar has a heavy rim break upon the reverse, below the eagle's tail. A rare and interesting sub-variety.  
 1353 1799/98. B-1. Reverse with **thirteen stars**. Very Fine; evenly struck and bald. Suggestions of lustre, light tarnish, some dirt. Despite a few signs of abrasion upon Liberty's neck and chest, a clean, far above average example of this seldom offered rarity. Very much underrated; lacking in both the Lathrop and Rumbel collections, sold by us in the 1952 ANA Convention sale, which contained over two hundred and thirty early dollars.  
 1354 1799/98. B-3. Reverse with **fifteen stars**. Though described in "H. R. Lee" 734 as "Sharply struck, Full mint lustre, Uncirculated, Rare, so choice," this bald, attractive dollar is EF plus, showing faint but unmistakable signs of friction on the highest spots, an infinitesimal reverse rim nick. Worth \$100.-125.00.  
 1355 1799. B-4. Reverse with **fifteen stars**. About Very Fine. Nicely toned; somewhat weakly struck at the center upon either side. Free from impairment, the reverse displaying several of the inevitable file or adjustment marks. A very rare and underpriced type coin, much harder to find than the overdate with fifteen reverse stars. Cheap at \$75.00.  
 1356 1799. B-9. Fine or better, although marked VF. Full, broad flan; comparatively clean.  
 1357 1799. B-11a. "Without berries" on reverse alive branch. Fine to V. Fine, the rims slightly bruised. Allegedly very rare.  
 1358 1799. B-12a. Reverse as last. Strictly Fine, definitely desirable.



- 1359 1799. B-17a. First star small and thin. Rev. Five extra large berries on branch, the two upper ones partly buried in leaves. A lustrous Extremely Fine, with attractive iridescence. Nice, but for a small, perfectly straight scratch (about 4 mm long) in the r. obverse field. Priced by Balender at \$90. EF.
- 1360 1799. B-23. Thirteen stars, 8 x 5. Very Fine but impaired. There are extensive reverse file marks, a few upon the obverse; we also note an edge bruise (visible upon either side), an obverse rim bruise, two small border nicks. Better than it sounds, and really rare. Should be seen!
- 1361 1800. B-17a. Spur at 1 of date; shattered dies. Closer to Ex. Fine than VF; extra bald obverse, indications of lustre. Uncommon preservation, and valued at \$65. sa.
- 1362 1801. B-1. About V. Good. The reverse with numerous pin point nicks, an obvious rim bruise; other minor rim damage. Really rare in any condition.
- 1363 1802. B-6. Variety with r. foot of T in LIBERTY missing. A shade better than Fine, minor evidence of obverse handling.
- 1364 1803. B-6. Thick tap to 3 in date. Fine to VF with lustrous iridescence. From the Stephan, Gibbs colls. and marked "Ex. Fine."
- 1365 1836. Liberty seated r., in plain field. C. GOBRECHT. F. on base, date below. Rev. Flying eagle surrounded by twenty-six stars. Plain edge. A.W. 42. Upset reverse; perfect die (not repolished nor cracked as on restrikes). Deeply toned, iridescently blue Proof. Few hardly visible surface scratches upon the obv., near Liberty's upper arm, equally unimportant cabinet friction upon the eagle's breast. Like Clarke 654, offered in our Forty-Eighth sale, **one of the 600 original impressions made for circulation on March 31, 1837.** From one of the Frassard sales in the 1890's, probably the E. W. Ropes collection. This piece is fully equal to the Clarke coin, which opened for \$300. and went for \$335. on the floor. **Plate**
- 1366 1838. Similar Gobrecht dollar; thirteen stars around obverse border, no name. Rev. Flying eagle, no stars. Reeded edge. A.W. 65. Upset reverse. A splendid iridescent blue (obverse) and reddish gold (reverse) Proof. Comparison with the preceding lot, and with other Gobrechts we have handled, convinces us that this, like the T. J. Clarke specimen, is **one of the 25 originals struck, July 5-9, 1838.** Restrikes have repolished dies, square borders and wire edges, like the proofs in the sixties; this has not. Ex E. W. Ropes second coll., sold Feb. 28, 1899 (at \$110.), when money meant something. Should bring \$550.-600.00. **Plate**
- 1367 1839. Type as preceding. Upset reverse. This coin would rate Extremely Fine, except that it has been plugged above Liberty's head with supreme care, the top of head and F of OF (upon the reverse) re-engraved skillfully. Some evidence of handling, traces of tooling in the fields. Not as bad as our description implies, by any means. Ex dealer Frassard, Dec. 10, 1886, at \$27.50. Worth several times that figure today! **Plate**
- 1368 1840. The first year of regular issue, incorporating the basic Gobrecht design. Strictly Very Fine, minor obverse border nick. Red book at \$20.00.
- 1369 1842. Numeral 2 in date re-engraved. Very Fine. Slight evidence of handling, the rims lightly abraded.
- 1370 1843. Last two figures of date re-engraved. Extremely Fine and lustrous; toned a delicate rainbow iridescence. A dollar with a surface suggestive of a proof, unimportant evidence of contact with other coins. Ex Gibbs coll.
- 1371 1846. Fine and cleaned. Worth \$8.50 today!
- 1372 1847. Strictly Ex. Fine. Nicely struck, uniformly toned. The reverse die cracked.
- 1373 1850 "O". Extremely Fine, iridescent and gray tarnish. The rarest year of the Na Matto type, struck at New Orleans. Very much unappreciated, even though comparable specimens have sold to \$36.00.

### The Very Rare 1851 Restrike Silver Dollar

- 1374 1851. Centered date; reverse of 1858-59. Brilliant, glittering Proof, with faint golden tanning. We note a small abrasion mark between the first and second stars, otherwise this beauty is Superb, free as it is from cleaning or impairment. Since the original is extremely rare in any condition and unobtainable in proof, the collector wanting a complete set of Liberty Seated Dollars will have to satisfy himself with this excellent example, no difficult matter, surely. Ex E. W. Ropes second coll., 2/28/99, at \$46., where it was described as "1851. Sharp perfect proof; very rare." Inferior ones have recently brought \$600. and more at private sale. **Plate**

## The Excessively Rare 1853 Proof Silver Dollar

- 1375 **1853.** Mostly perfect, fully **brilliant Proof**. A few microscopic lint marks (as made); delightfully toned about the borders. Only **twelve impressions taken from the single pair of dies** used, 1864-65. Of the dozen proofs struck, we sincerely doubt that half that number now exists. Just about every important sale catalog of this century, representing the greatest American collections, lacked a dollar of 1853 in proof. This magnificent piece from the New York cabinet of Ralph J. Lathrop, truly presents an important opportunity to the selective connoisseur of "impossible" popular U. S. proof rarities. While it is difficult to place a value upon a coin so seldom offered for competition, it is our opinion that if an 1895 Silver Dollar can bring \$500.-525., this rarity could conceivably realize \$850., or even more. **Plate**
- 1376 Duplicate 1853. Extremely Fine. With a nick or so upon Liberty's right arm, a few minor rim handling nicks of little consequence. A rare date in any condition.
- 1377 **1855.** Ex. Fine though cleaned, showing traces of lustre, some infinitesimal signs of abrasion upon the reverse. Only 26,000 pieces made, the lowest coinage of the seldom offered 1854-57 years. Underpriced, as are many other "actually rare" items that the hucksters can't stockpile and consequently don't tout (thereby carrying the price up).
- 1378 1856. Choice Uncirculated. Cleaner than most, but with considerable original bloom; slight cabinet friction upon the obverse high spots. The reverse from a badly broken die. Infrequently seen, much less offered; well worth \$50.-55.00.
- 1379 1859. Fine or better. Heavily toned; rubber band tarnish streaks upon both sides. An uncommon date in need of careful cleaning.
- 1380 1859 "O". Fine or so. Obverse nick at the last star, two tiny reverse border defects.
- 1381 1860 "O". Close to EF, once cleaned. Lightly pin scratched about the date, each rim displaying a mark or two.
- 1382 1862. Strictly Very Fine, subtly toned. Difficult war year, just 12,090 minted in all.
- 1383 1864. Choice Uncirculated. Some gold and maroon-blue obverse border patina, a few minor reverse bag marks. Guidebook at \$32.50, records definitely higher.
- 1384 1865. Very Fine plus. An almost identical one brought \$16. in our last, Forty-Eighth sale. These uncommon dollars will never be cheaper.
- 1385 1866. First year with reverse motto. Fine or better; clean, even wear. Cost \$13.50.
- 1386 1867. Fully Extremely Fine. A highly lustrous early impression from the dies.
- 1387 1859. Brilliant Proof. Slightly handled, the obverse field faintly rubbed. A second glance reveals an obvious nick between Liberty's head and the 8th star, where another coin dropped upon this one. Acceptable, and still valued at \$25.-27.50.
- 1388 1873. Last year of type. Fine or so; L and TY of LIBERTY visible.
- 1389 **Morgan Dollars.** 1879. A desirable Proof, just about in full brilliance.
- 1390 1886. Bright, cleaned Proof; two hardly visible signs of reverse tarnish. Equally as rare as the proof half dollar and quarter of this year, but never synthetically "made"
- 1391 1887 "O", 89 "CC", 92 "O", 93 "O", 93 "CC", 99 "O" and 1902 "O". Last beautifully toned Unc. Remainder Very Fine or so, except for the fourth which is VG. With one or two minor rim nicks, otherwise above average. According to the red book, worth some \$36.00. 7 Pcs.
- 1392 1897. Perfect brilliant Proof. Only 731 proofs minted. A beauty, the reverse with unusual golden-pink tone.
- 1393 1901. Brilliant "gem" Proof. As nice as these come!
- 1394 1902. Mostly bright Proof, with rich, deep toning. Exactly 777 proofs made in this year.
- 1395 Balance of the lot. Complete set of Morgans, except for 1880 "O" and "S", 81 "CC", 83 "CC", 84 "CC", 85 "S" and "CC", 86, 86 "S", 87 "O", 88 "S", 89 "CC", 90 "S", 91 "S", 92 through 95 all mints, 96 "O" and "S", 97, 97 "S", 98 and 99 complete, 1901, 01 "S", 02 "O" and "S", 03 "O" and "S", 04 "S" and 1921 "D". In addition, 1921 Peace, 22, 22 "S", 24, 27 and 1935. VG to Unc. (11), some of the latter nicely toned first-strikes; average VF. Guidebook value of the Uncirculated alone over \$44.00. 56 Pcs.



- 1396 **Trade Dollars. 1873 "S"**. Small mintmark; first year. Uncirculated with rainbow iridescence. Softly struck though relatively free from blemishes. Guidebook at \$45.00.
- 1397 1874 and 1874 "S". Fine and closer to VF. First with moderate edge impairment, second with a diagonal obverse tarnish line, three serious reverse rim nicks. 2 Pcs.
- 1398 1875 "S" T-1 (Berry under claw) and 1878 "S". Very Good and not quite VF, the first with three obverse handling nicks. 2 Pcs.
- 1399 **1878 "CC"**. Last and rarest year from Carson City. Very Fine, the reverse less bold than the obverse. Attractively toned; obverse rim nick. Lists at \$85. VF.
- 1400 **Late Proof Sets. First year, 1936.** Cent, Nickel, Dime, Quarter, Half Dollar. The brilliant second (and more desirable) issue, attractively tarnished mainly about the borders. In spite of a single, microscopic spot, the Cent remains of unusual quality. Quite rare, at least more so than many numismatic items thus defined. 5 Pcs.
- 1401 **1937.** Similar. Equally choice Proof set, the Cent a uniform light red color. Considered rare. 5 Pcs.
- 1402 Second '37 Proof set. Mostly brilliant, all but the half dollar in the original envelopes of issue. 5 Pcs.
- 1403 **1950.** Brilliant Proof set. A good example of the later issue, in the original Mint box. Still popular. 5 Pcs.
- 1404 1951. Brilliant Proof set. In original Mint box. 5 Pcs.
- 1405 1955. Brilliant Proof set. In the original Mint plastic container. According to a writer in the March, 1957 "Numismatist," p. 286, this should be worth more eventually than the 1951-2-3-4. We'll let the parasitic speculators worry about it! 5 Pcs.
- 1406 **Philadelphia Mint Sets. 1934.** Cent to Silver Dollar; Quarter with heavy motto. Lightly tarnished Unc. Guidebook at \$19.40. Mtd. in a plain tan cardboard holder intended for two sets. 6 Pcs.
- 1407 1947 and 1948. Each including Cent to Half Dollar. Choice Unc., generally bright. Mtd. in same holder as last. Sell to \$12.50. 10 Pcs.

### LATE LONG ISLAND CONSIGNMENT

- 1408 **Very Rare Eighty-Seven Year Old Proof Set. 1870.** Cent, Two Cents, Three Cents Nickel, Five Cents Nickel, Trime, Half Dime, Dime, Quarter, Half and Silver Dollar. Select, **brilliant Proofs**; the Cent and Two Cents light red with slight obverse tarnish, the two nickel coins bright, and the silver with partial iridescent tone and tarnish as received from years in the original wrappers. Just 1,000 combined Minor and Silver proof sets made bearing this date, a small percentage of which now remain in top preservation. Mtd. in a small, uninscribed Raymond holder, No. 335. 10 Pcs.
- 1409 **The Rare Modern Proof Sets. First year, 1936.** Cent to Half Dollar. Desirable second issue coins; partly brilliant, showing some tarnish. A "virgin" set, still in the unopened, stapled cellophane envelopes of issue. Seldom seen so! As valuable as any '36 set available. 5 Pcs.
- 1410 **1937.** Nicely toned Proof set. Mounted as last, the half dollar envelope now brittle and torn. Untampered coins, worthy of a premium so. 5 Pcs.

### Excessively Rare "Satin Finish" Proof 1907 St. Gaudens Roman Date Double Eagle

- 1411 **St. Gaudens type.** Date MCMVII. High relief; early and careful strike from the dies before the collar gave way. **"Satin Finish" Proof.** Superficially appears to be a "flat edge" coin, but borders are square and there is a partial wire edge, as on the rare proof St. Gaudens Eagle with periods. Evidently struck in a medal press. Neither the old style brilliant proof, nor the true matte proof (1908), nor the "Roman Gold" (1909) or sandblast proof (1912); yet not the regular un-circulated issue. Free of any trace of imperfection. Of the most extreme rarity and value. Ex Treasury Dept. to W. H. Woodin, the Newcomer estate, Wayte Raymond. Valued to \$1,000. A proof in the Menjou sale brought \$325., seven years ago. **Plate**

To our knowledge, there were exactly five of the above struck, all in this peculiar "satin finish" technique. All have the same pedigree. One went to F. C. C. Boyd, who still owns it, another is in the collection of Joseph Spray. A third was consigned to Jim Kelly by Mr. Raymond, and appeared in one of the Kelly sales about six years ago. We cannot remember what WR did with the fourth one. As mentioned, the 1950 Menjou sale had a proof, one of two obtained from the widow of a gentleman associated with the Mint in 1907. Two questionable sandblast proofs are also known; these can be easily made (with modern equipment) from regular wire edge coins. The pedigree of this piece here offered, together with its absolute perfection of finish and preservation, and its difference from the regular flat edge and wire edge specimens, will suffice to convince the unbiased collector of its authenticity. Like everything we sell, this Raymond item is unconditionally guaranteed to be as represented.

The occasion for manufacture of this particular type of proof lay in Woodin's long-continued agitation for coinage of proofs in the new French style rather than the old-fashioned brilliant style. Mr. Boyd saw the Woodin correspondence with the Treasury Department on that subject, and on the transmittal of the five proofs above referred to. The information here printed comes from him, and counts as eyewitness testimony.

- 1412 **Pattern "Eighth Dollar" of Hawaii. 1883.** Bust of Kalokaua I to r. Rev. Value within wreath, expressed in the Hawaiian language "HAPAWALU," surmounted with crown and motto; in exergue, in English, EIGHTH DOL. Silver; reeded edge. Lilac-gray Proof. Extremely rare, the one in our Forty-First auction, Sept. 26, 1953, having realized \$77.50. **Plate**

The above described piece was designed by Charles Barber, following the original application of the Hawaiian government. The denomination of "One-Eighth of a dollar" was subsequently dropped, and the U.S. standard of "One Dime" substituted. All of the 1883 Hawaiian coins, the "Eighth Dol." included, were struck at the San Francisco Mint so far as we know.

### **Complete Proof Set of the 1883 Hawaiian Coinage**

- 1413 **1883. The regular, five piece Proof set of Hawaii.** Consists of the Dime, **Eighth Dol.**,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 Dollar. The last three bear the Royal Hawaiian Coat of Arms on mantle, upon the reverse; the Dime, like the Eighth Dol., has a crown within open branches of a (different) wreath. Silver, the edges reeded. Magnificent blue toned Proofs, the Pattern and two highest denominations with gold and/or pink coloring upon their obverses. Mtd. in a small Raymond holder, No. 348, marked "Philippine Islands." The four denominations for circulation are listed to \$200. today as proofs, the Eighth Dol. at \$75. alone, for a total worth of \$275.00. Unusually attractive, interesting and valuable! 5 Pcs.
- 1414 **Philippine Commonwealth Sets. 1936.** One Peso, bearing the busts of Roosevelt and Quezon; One Peso and Fifty Centavos bearing differing busts of Murphy and Quezon. Revs. Arms of the Commonwealth. Struck at Manila to commemorate the establishment of the Commonwealth in 1935. Partly brilliant, partly toned Uncirculated. Very popular. 3 Pcs.
- 1415 Another set, exactly as the last. These historically important coins can only increase in price, considering the moderate numbers issued. 3 Pcs.

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